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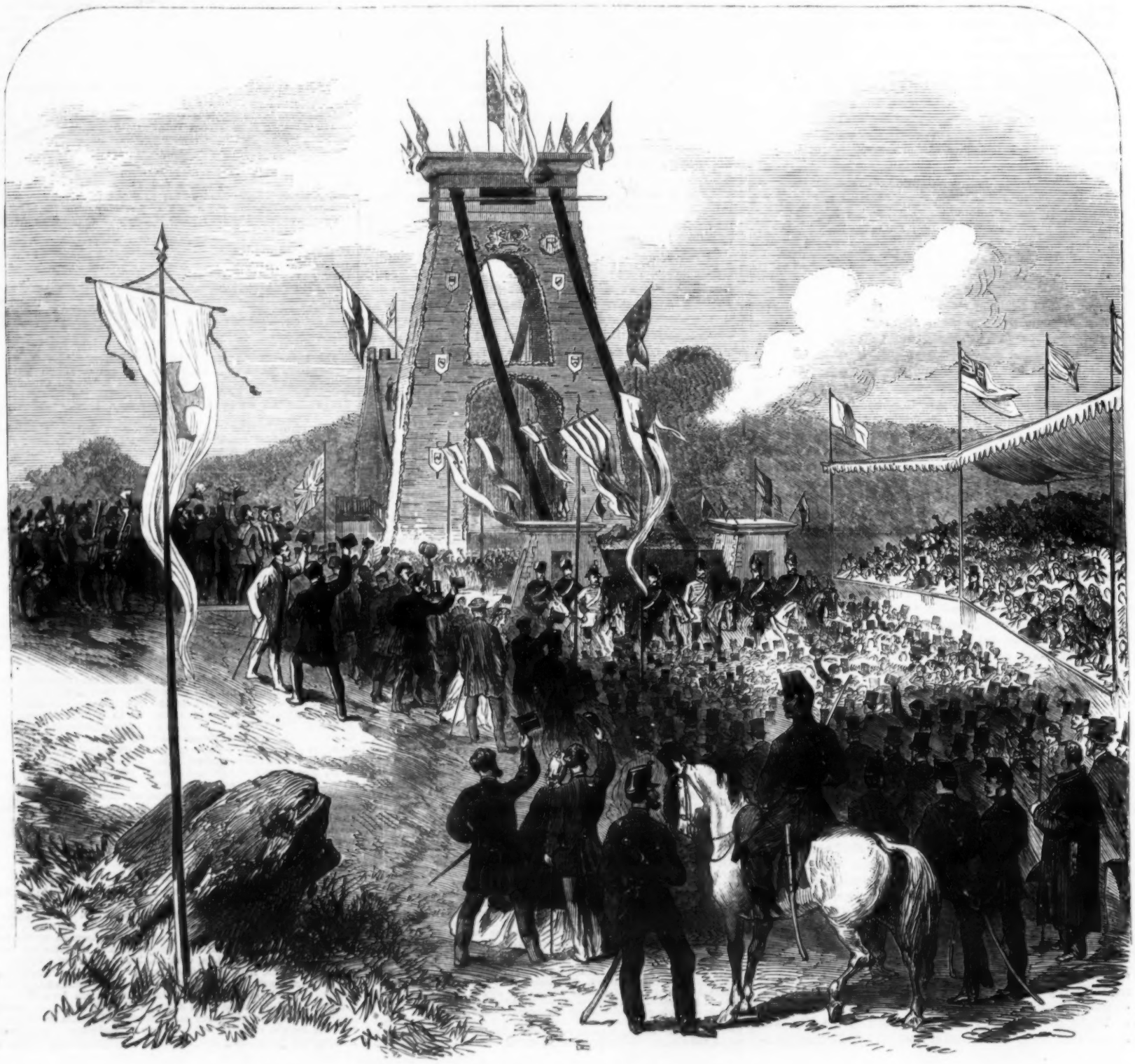
UTILISATION OF SEWAGE.

MATTERS intrinsically mean and repulsive sometimes affect so largely the well-being of communities as to assume an aspect of dignity. What more insignificant than the locust? Yet locusts, when organised, as they occasionally are, into an infinitely multitudinous host, and ravaging, as they sometimes will, vast breadths of country, command the affrighted attention of mankind. What topic more uninviting than sewage? Yet, as our own experience shows, it may rise into one of national importance. Hygiene, in certain stages of a people's development, becomes the most urgent of the practical sciences. It is so at this moment in the United Kingdom. The rapid aggregation of men into large masses consequent on the expansion of manufacturing industry, and, perhaps, the natural but mistaken modes in which law has intervened for the preservation of the public health, have combined to present for solution one of the most difficult and pressing problems of the age, and one which the physical and social



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interests of the nation forbid our putting aside on mere æsthetic grounds.

Happily, the difficulty which has arisen is susceptible of highly-satisfactory treatment, illustrates in the most interesting manner the provisions made by nature for preserving the equilibrium of conflicting agencies, and offers to human ingenuity a most remunerative opportunity for the exercise of its resources. It is required to convert what, under ill management, is as destructive of animal life as a pestilence into what, under wise management, may supply vegetable life with aliment which will double for us its fruitfulness; to get rid of an incalculable amount of disease by the same process which will indefinitely increase the production of wholesome food; to transform an all-pervading nuisance into a benefit. The conditions requisite to work out this desirable result are found in the ordinations of Nature. By making our arrangements in conformity with her laws, we may exchange what we would fain rid ourselves of for what we urgently want, and transmute into a precious boon that which, as we use it, is an insidious poison. The only demand made upon us is to contrive the mechanical means whereby sewage shall be conveyed to its proper destination at a cost somewhat below the advantages which the land will return for it. This done, the problem will be solved.

Hitherto, it must be confessed, our ingenuity has been perversely applied. We looked upon sewage as so much waste which it concerned us to cast away from the immediate neighbourhood of populous towns, whatever might thereafter become of it. We turned it into our rivers, streams, and watercourses, where it could do no manner of good, but only taint them with pollution. We made them open sewers, poisoned their waters, killed their fish, and caused them to exhale pestilential odours. The remedy, being the wrong one, has become worse than the disease. Already municipalities are seeking at the hands of the Secretary of State legal powers to prohibit the mischief. This metropolis, as is well known, is constructing gigantic works, at an immense cost, to intercept its sewage from the upper portion of the Thames and to discharge it into the river so much nearer its mouth as will prevent its being brought back again by flowing tides. No one can fairly complain. It is mainly through successive mistakes that man blunders into knowledge. We are clearly right in our conclusion that our rivers and natural watercourses must cease to be used as drains; and, no doubt, it is well to act up to our light thus far—more especially as what we are seeking to do now is in itself preparatory to what may be further done hereafter. "Necessity is the mother of invention," and when law shall make it necessary to dispose of the sewage of great towns otherwise than by draining it into the rivers we shall be compelled to entertain more earnestly the alternative of distributing it over the soil.

We have, however, advanced much further, in theory at least, than the preceding words would seem to imply. Baron Liebig, the prince of agricultural chemists, has laboured hard, and at length with success, to turn the attention of scientific men to the immense value of house drainage as a fertilising agent. Here and there experiments have been tried, with varying but, on the whole, encouraging results, to determine the practicability, not as a matter of engineering, which is simple enough, but as a matter of economy, of applying the sewage of towns to the purposes of tillage. Two Committees of the House of Commons have collected evidence on the subject—one presided over by Lord Robert Montagu and the other by Mr. Brady—and, whatever may be the merits of their respective reports, the mass of information they have published has been of great value. The effect has been to infuse into a much-neglected and primâ facie repulsive subject all the interest which a probable prospect of large pecuniary gain was sure to excite. Engineers and contractors are competing with one another for the sewage of the metropolis as keenly as for a new line of railway. The Metropolitan Board of Works have accepted the tender of Messrs. Napier and Hope, and will apply for an Act next Session authorising them to complete the bargain. The Council of the City Corporation impeaches the transaction as an improvident one for the ratepayers, and contends that under other auspices the contents of the sewers, which a year or two ago everyone was puzzled to get rid of, may be made to bring in from a million to two millions sterling. The question of the utilisation of sewage, therefore, is not likely hereafter to languish for want of due attention. One may already observe the ovæ of future companies being deposited with a view to catch the sunny influence of Parliament to warm them into actual existence, and speculators surveying with keen eyes the new element of wealth.

The most economical mode of applying sewage to the soil remains a subject of earnest controversy. That part of the public, however, which professes to have investigated the matter may be classed into two schools—those who would flood limited portions of land with the liquid manure, and thereby convert sandy wastes and marshy districts into rich pasturage, and those who would irrigate more sparingly and convey the fertilising agent over a much more extensive area. High authorities may be found on each side. We shall not presume to pronounce our opinion on a question upon which doctors differ. It will take much longer and more varied experience than any we have yet at command, we imagine, to settle the dispute. Science has not yet discovered all the conditions necessary to carry the experiment to its highest attainable point of success. Meanwhile, we apprehend there can scarcely remain a reasonable doubt that, under either system, the works judiciously planned can fail of being remunerative, though in neither, perhaps, to the extent anticipated. The bill to be introduced by the Metropolitan Board of Works, as it will be vigorously opposed by the City, will have to pass through the ordeal of searching and severe investigation; and the data upon which its provisions are founded, and the calculations upon which the project of Messrs. Napier and Hope are based, will be tested by the keenest scientific sagacity. We can readily leave the question of more or less profit to the guardians of the people's purse, contenting ourselves for the present with the prospect held out to us that, whether the pecuniary gain be more or less, the sanitary advantage is tolerably sure, and must prove enormous. To give to the earth, which craves it, what we now divert into the streams, which are sickened by it, will be a salutary change, whatever may turn out to be its money value.

The discovery—for it is practically equivalent to a discovery—has been made none too soon. Many things have contributed to raise the price of meat in this country, some of which may be expected to operate permanently towards the same result. The wide diffusion of competence, consequent on free trade, and the great multiplication of works of industry, have opened new sources of highly remunerative employment to a large proportion of the working population, and have brought them, as buyers, into the meat market with ready cash and keen appetites. Disease had already thinned the numbers of the farmers' live stock, before the present year of drought sorely diminished the means of subsistence. We cannot, it is true, calculate upon any immediate advantage from the utilisation of sewage; but it will be some consolation to us in passing through a protracted stage of high prices to look forward with confidence to a future when temporary scarcity will be followed by lasting and increasing abundance. Nay, it is by no means improbable that the deficiency in the supply of animal food, as compared with the growing demand for it, will stimulate effort in every part of the country to make the new agent of fertilisation available as speedily as possible, and assist in bearing down the prejudices and overcoming the *vis inertiæ* with which all novelties have to contend in their experimental stage.

What posterity a hundred years hence will think of our past practices in regard to this matter is a curious but somewhat humiliating subject for speculation. Probably the whole process of applying filth to tilth will have become so simplified in method, so familiar to daily observation, and so beneficial in result as to make it difficult for them to realise the fact that their ancestors of only a century back, to whom they will have to ascribe such wonderful mechanical inventions and such gigantic monuments of engineering skill, could have been so blind to what will be to them the obvious and beneficent arrangements of Nature as to befoul their rivers with the waste which might have renovated the exhausted soil. It is only, however, an additional illustration of the common propensity of man to miss what is close to his feet in the absorbing anxiety of his search for what is afar off. It is no great credit, after all, to one who is on the hill-top to smile at the roundabout ways taken by others who have not the advantage of his elevation for an outlook. Unquestionably, lack of knowledge has led us into many blunders. There is good reason to hope that we shall not render ourselves liable to the further and heavier reproach that, when at last light dawned upon us, we refused to walk in it. To this age, we trust, future generations will look back, with thankfulness mingled with their wonder, as that in which their predecessors set before them a memorable lesson of the evils that may be avoided and the benefits that may be secured by a simple observance of the laws of Nature.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL INTELLIGENCE.

FRANCE.

M. Mocquard, the Emperor's private secretary, died yesterday week. His Majesty addressed two telegraphic despatches, one to M. Mocquard, son, and the other to M. Raimbeaux, son-in-law, of the deceased. The former was as follows:—"I was about to leave for Paris, to bid adieu to your father, when the melancholy news reached me. My grief is equal to your own." The other was in these terms:—"I am in the deepest affliction at the death of your father-in-law. He was my friend. His loss is as painful to myself as to you. My friendship is assured to his children." M. Mocquard was buried on Monday. The funeral was attended by a large number of Ministers and men of note. Marshal Vaillant, the chief of the Imperial household, pronounced a funeral oration on behalf of the Emperor. The Viscount De la Guéronnière also made a speech, in which he paid a tribute to the memory of M. Mocquard in the name of the Senate and of the press. A memoir of M. Mocquard will be found in our Obituary column.

According to the *Patrie*, the Government intend to persist in their scheme of undertaking several great public works. That journal says a staff of engineers employed by the Minister of Public Works to report on the subject have given as their opinion of what is required an estimate which will prove a little startling to the taxpayers, out of whose pockets the funds must be extracted for carrying into effect the terms of the recommendation. The items enumerated are for canals and rivers, harbours and lighthouses, roads and bridges, and hydraulic works, at a cost of about £17,200,000 sterling.

A large number of Paris tradesmen have addressed a memorial to the Emperor praying for a commission of inquiry into the means of affording relief from the difficulties caused by the high rate of discount charged at the Bank of France.

The report of the Prefect of the Seine contains the following details on improvements in Paris:—

The prolongation of the Rue de Rivoli, with the approaches to the Louvre, to the Hotel de Ville, and the Boulevard Sebastopol (right bank), cost 191,987,671f.; and the Boulevards Sebastopol (left bank) and St. Germain, 42,187,728f. In the outlay caused by the extension of the limits of Paris, the religious edifices amount to 5,018,011f.; the municipal and scholastic buildings to 54,894,165f.; and the streets, highways, and bridges, including new lines of thoroughfare, paving, lighting, draining, public walks, and gardens, to 69,328,018f. On Jan. 1, 1860, at the moment of the extension of the limits of the city, the twelve arrondissements of Paris contained thirty-two institutions for out-of-door relief; they now contain thirty-four, and, as twenty-two branch establishments have been created in the annexed districts, the number is thus raised to fifty-six. To the majority of those institutions girls' and infant schools have been added. The outlay necessitated for this service is estimated at 5,000,000f., and at the present moment plans are under consideration for the enlargement of several of the present houses and the erection of three others. The service of lighting for 1865 will be increased by 4132 gas and 142 oil lamps, which will form a total of 50,295 lights for the city of Paris. The greater part of these new lamps will be placed in the annexed districts, the number in which will be more than tripled, as the number of 2564, before the augmentation, will be increased to 11,895. The drainage and water supply come in for a large share of the votes for public works. The length of water-pipes laid down in 1864 was 67,000 kilometres (five eighths of a mile), of which 39,000 were in old Paris, and 28,000 in the new quarters. The reservoir of Ménilmontant, which is to contain 100,000 cubic metres of spring water and 35,000 metres from the Marne, is partly terminated. The reservoir of Belleville, which will receive 15,000 cubic metres of spring water and 25,000 from the Marne, is also near completion. One of the upper compartments is already supplied with the Seine water by the Charonne works.

Various statues have been placed in the galleries of paintings at the Louvre, in imitation of the famous Tribune at Florence.

It has hitherto been the custom in the schools of Paris to reward the children most distinguished during the week for their good conduct and application by decorating them with a cross more or less resembling that of the Legion of Honour, and attached by a red ribbon. At the end of the week the cross was returned and awarded to some other of the pupils. The Minister of Public Instruction, considering that such imitation of the cross of the Legion of Honour was a disparagement, has notified to all schoolmasters to employ for the future a simple cross of four branches, without enamel or red ribbon.

In announcing a variety of new postal arrangements for facilitating the delivery of letters, and also for bettering the position of the Post-office employés, the *Moniteur* states that the increase in the number of letters since the reform of the system in 1847 has been from 126 millions to 300 millions a year. About the same augmentation has also taken place in the value of the sums of money sent through the Post-office, and in the number of newspapers, books, &c., transmitted. In spite of the reduction of the rates of postage, the receipts also have continually augmented, and have risen from 55 millions of francs in 1847 to 72 millions in 1863.

The Court of Rouen has given its decision in the case of MM. Cheron and Clairbois, prosecuted for illegally furnishing identical correspondences to provincial newspapers. The Court confirms the judgment delivered in this case by the Tribunal of First Instance.

The *Salut Public* of Lyons announces the discovery in the registers of the Sainte-Croix Church in that city for the years 1638-9 of a marriage act signed by Molière His signatures are, as is well known, very rare.

Berger, the shepherd statuary, has for the cathedral of Mismes four statues of the great orator-prelates of the seventeenth century—Bossuet, Fénélon, Fléchier, and Massillon. They are said to be admirably executed.

Wednesday's *Moniteur* publishes the treaty of commerce concluded between France and Switzerland. It gives also the text of an Imperial decree promulgating a convention agreed on between the Governments of France and Switzerland for the police of the forests bordering on the two countries.

An Imperial decree orders that from the 1st of January next the transfer dues imposed by the law of 1857 on foreign companies shall be levied upon half the capital represented by shares and upon the whole amount of obligations.

The Government has resolved that foreign spirits rectified in England shall be admitted into France on the same terms as spirits distilled in England.

Advices from Mexico, published in the New York papers, state that on the 13th ult. the French landed troops at Mazatlan, and took possession of the town, which had been evacuated on the previous night. Alvarez had defeated the Imperial forces and was marching on Acapulco.

SPAIN.

After a Cabinet Council at Madrid yesterday week, Senor Llorente, Foreign Minister, presented his resignation, the rest of the Cabinet not being able to agree with him as to the introduction of certain bills in the next Session of the Cortes. Senor Antonio Benavides has been nominated in his place, and has taken the oath of allegiance.

The Government has determined upon reinforcing the Pacific squadron by the iron-clad frigate Numancia, just finished in France, which is completely fitted out, and has started for her destination.

ITALY.

The debate in the Senate on the transfer of the capital, and matters connected with it, has been enlivened by a speech from General Cialdini, which appears to have established for the General a reputation for oratory previously unsuspected. General Cialdini supported the transfer of the capital from a strategic point of view. "No compromise," he said, "was possible between Austria and Italy. The passes of the Apennines were a real Thermopylæ." General della Marmora, the Premier, stated that he shared the views expressed by General Cialdini. In the sitting of yesterday week the bill for the transfer was passed by 134 against 47 votes. Two members abstained from voting.

The Senate has passed the bill which is to transfer the Court of Cassation from Milan to Turin, likewise that which is to make a money compensation to the latter city for the loss it sustains in ceasing to be the seat of Government.

The French military tribunal in Rome has finished the trial of the four brigands charged with the murder of two French gendarmes. One of the prisoners, named Graziani, a Neapolitan, was condemned to death, and a second to three years' hard labour. The two others were acquitted.

AUSTRIA.

The Lower House of the Reichsrath determined on Sunday to continue the increased taxation until the end of March, 1865. A petition from General Langiewicz was laid before the Chamber, in which he prayed to be set at liberty. In the spring of 1863 Langiewicz took refuge on Austrian soil, and was "interned"—in other words, made prisoner.

Letters from Vienna confirm the statement that the Government proposes to effect considerable reduction in the army expenditure. The reduction is not to be in the ordinary Budget of the Minister of War, but on the extraordinary Budget, as the Government desires to bring the effective down to a normal peace footing.

DENMARK.

We stated last week that an address had been presented to King Christian, at Kolding, by a deputation of North-Schleswigers. It has now to be added that, in reply to the address, the King expressed his deep regret at the severance of Schleswig from Denmark, but stated that, as the province had been ceded, he hoped the Schleswigers would bear their fate with patience. Before the members of the deputation were received they had to lay aside the Danish colours they were wearing, as the King would only receive them as Schlewigers.

RUSSIA.

An attempt is to be made, as stated in a portion of our Impression last week, to replenish the exhausted treasury of the Russian empire by the contraction of a new lottery loan of about £15,000,000, at the rate of five per cent. The subscription is to be completed by the 24th inst.

The St. Petersburg journals publish official documents which show that the Government has been for some time back engaged in the preparation of measures intended for the complete denationalisation of Poland. All offices of any importance are to be filled henceforth by Russians; Russian peasant colonies are to be established; the Polish Catholic clergy are to be placed under the strictest surveillance; and an active propaganda is to be set going on behalf of the orthodox Church. A letter from General Mouravieff, addressed to the Government, recommends the gradual removal of the minor nobility from Poland, and suggests their deportation to Siberia as colonists.

Recent returns show that the number of fairs held annually in the government of Tobolsk, in Siberia, is 165. The value of the merchandise brought to them amounts to 8,640,321 roubles [Six roubles are about equal to a pound sterling.], and the sales effected to 5,384,686 roubles. The fair of Ischim is the most important of all. The merchandise brought there amounts to 2,662,000 roubles, and the sales to 2,341,000 roubles.

AMERICA.

By the arrival of the Nova Scotian and the Etna we have intelligence from New York to the 3rd inst.

The chief news brought is the announcement that there had been a severe engagement between the hostile armies in Tennessee. The Federal General Schofield reports that, on the afternoon of the 30th ult., two corps of General Hood's army attacked Franklin, but were repulsed at all points by him, with the loss, on the enemy's side, of 5000 or 6000 men, including 1000 prisoners; while the Federals' loss was only a quarter of that sustained by their assailants. Nevertheless, General Schofield retired during the night from Franklin towards a position three miles south of Nashville; and on the following morning the victorious and retreating Federals were closely followed by the defeated and pursuing Confederates. Heavy skirmishing was progressing and a general engagement was expected

while Federal reinforcements were arriving at Nashville, where the forts and intrenchments were manned by the garrison and the Government labourers, who had been armed.

The exact position of Sherman in Georgia is still uncertain. According to some accounts he had been repulsed in an attempt to cross the Oconnee River, while others state that his main army had succeeded in crossing that river, and, avoiding Augusta and all the other large towns, was making the best of its way to the seacoast. The Confederates were rapidly concentrating their forces, and were bent on the destruction of the invading army. It was said that they had defeated the advance cavalry of Sherman in an attempt to open communication with Beaufort. The *Times'* correspondent states that the defeat of Sherman's cavalry took place near the Savannah River. It was reported that General Burnside, with 20,000 men, had sailed from Fort Monroe for the purpose of landing at some point on the Southern coast and joining General Sherman.

General Grant had sent General Gregg's cavalry on a reconnaissance, for the purpose of ascertaining whether General Lee was sending any troops from his army to Augusta. General Gregg took and destroyed Stoney Creek station, but failed to obtain any information, and was closely followed by the Confederates during his retreat to the Federal camp.

The *New York World* says that President Lincoln's Message (delivered to Congress ere this) is conservative in character, and will aim at the conciliation of all parties and classes in the North. President Lincoln, it is said, "repudiates the factions which would establish the present conflict upon a sectional basis, and takes strong national ground upon which Democrats and Conservative Republicans can have no hesitation to stand and rally. He has been induced to adopt this policy by Mr. Seward, whose efforts have been to unite in a common cause the Conservatives of all parties, and to form out of these elements a new party which will sweep Greely and the Radicals out of existence." The principal part of the message relates to the present condition of the finances of the country, and to the measures calculated to prevent it from growing worse.

The examination of the persons suspected of firing the hotels in New York was begun, by a military commission, on the 2nd inst.

Governor Seymour has declined to receive the British peace address, but referred Mr. Barker to Secretary Seward, who also declined it, and likewise refused him an interview with Mr. Lincoln. Barker now proposes presenting the address to Congress.

The Florida (forcibly taken from Brazilian waters) has been run into and sunk by a Federal transport-steamer off Fort Monroe. It was rumoured she would be accidentally burnt. The *Express* regards it as a strange and curious affair, and thinks it will add to existing complications. The *World* says the pretence of an accident is too transparent to deceive anybody. The *News* thinks she was sunk designedly, and adds that the sinking does not cancel the duty of indemnity. The *Times* says the question is yet open as regards the right or wrong of the seizure, but contends that thus far there is no ground for complaint. Admiral Buchanan and the officers of the Florida have been sent to Fort Warren.

President Lincoln has issued a proclamation announcing the ratification of the treaty with Belgium extinguishing the Scheldt dues.

It is reported that both the Chickamanga and Tallahassee had arrived safely at Wilmington, and that the latter was about to depart for Bermuda with a cargo of cotton. There were twenty-one blockade-runners at Nassau on Nov. 12. The schooner Albert Edward was captured while attempting to get out of Galveston, Texas, with a cargo of 150 bales of cotton.

Gold, on Dec. 3, was quoted at 229.

The Confederate Congress had unanimously rejected the peace propositions laid before it.

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

The *Quebec Mercury* states that Imperial officers, deputed to examine the frontier and to report on a system of defence, have devised a scheme of defence which has been approved by the military authorities at home, and is about to be carried out as far as permanent works are required. This scheme is said to be based upon the theory that no campaign in Canada can be continued during the winter, and includes the construction of intrenched camps and other works at vital points sufficient to arrest the progress of an invader and compel him to resort to tedious siege operations by regular approaches.

We understand (says the *Canadian News* of the 8th inst.) that it is not the intention of the Hon. Mr. Galt or the Hon. Mr. Macdonald to visit England at present, the Hon. George Brown having consented to take charge of the several matters which otherwise would have brought these gentlemen to this country. The Hon. George Brown returns to Canada on the 31st inst., to be in time for the anticipated opening of the Canadian Legislature, about the middle of January. While in England he will confer with the Imperial authorities on the subject of defence, and also on the North-west question.

The Assembly of Vancouver Island has been again engaged in discussing the advisability of the union of the colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia.

The Sutlej, the flag-ship of Rear-Admiral the Hon Joseph Denman, and the Devastation, commanded by Captain Pike, were engaged during the first week of October in punishing the Indian tribes of the Clayoquot Sound, Vancouver Island, for the murder of the crew of a small vessel named the Kingfisher, which these natives lately plundered and destroyed. As they refused to give up the murderers to justice, the squadron attacked their village, in the Herbert arm or inlet of Clayoquot Sound; their huts were burned, their canoes taken away, and after some fighting, on the 7th and 8th of October, they were forced to comply with the demands, and promise no more to offend in like manner. We have been favoured by Lieutenant Hall, of the Sutlej, with a couple of sketches of this affair, which will be engraved for a future Number.

It is understood that the chief station of the British fleet in the Pacific will henceforth be Esquimault Harbour, near the city of Victoria, Vancouver Island, instead of Valparaiso, in South America, as heretofore.

An extensive fire, said to be the work of an incendiary, took place at Yale, in British Columbia, on the 28th of October. Thirteen houses were destroyed.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

Affairs in China are becoming settled, and, though a few Taepings remain in arms, it is not considered they can give any further trouble.

The Paris papers publish news from Japan stating that the representatives of the European Powers had been received at Jeddo by the Grand Council of the Empire, who gave them complete satisfaction. The silk trade is to be freed from all restrictions, and, the territory of the Prince of Nagato having been confiscated by the Tycoon, the latter will pay the indemnity demanded by the European Powers.

The extensive paper manufactory of M. Gerard, at Ghent, in Belgium, was a few days back destroyed by fire.

The Empress of Austria has engaged a Hungarian lady, Mdlle. de Ferenczy, to act as companion and to converse in the language of her country.

Mr. Edward A'Beckett, a son of the former Chief Justice of the colony of Victoria, has been appointed registrar to the University of Melbourne, in the room of Mr. James, deceased.

The Queen has appointed William Henry Hemans, Esq., to be her Majesty's Consul at Buffalo. Her Majesty has approved of Mr. James Whyte Atkins as Consul in the Island of Barbadoes for the King of the Netherlands.

A Parliamentary paper has been issued, correcting a former one, respecting the Greek loan. The sum issued out of the Consolidated Fund on this account up to the end of 1863 is £977,279; the balance due by the Greek Government is £934,462. The last repayment, amounting to £7847, was made in 1862.

As the Alexander, belonging to Dundee, was steaming about in Davis' Strait, on the 24th of September, a large whale, of about twelve tuns, was observed not far distant from her. Boats were put out, and the crews succeeded in securing the animal. When the crew came to flense the fish they found imbedded in its body, two or three inches beneath the skin, a piece of a harpoon, about 18 in. long. On one side of it were engraved the words, "Traveller, Peterhead," and on the other, "1858." The *Dundee Courier* states that this vessel was lost, about eight years ago, in Cumberland Strait when prosecuting the whale fishery there, and the harpoon must therefore have remained in the animal for that time at least.

METROPOLITAN NEWS.

The Marquis of Westminster has given £1000 to the Metropolitan Visiting and Relief Association, Pall-mall.

Mr. C. Buxton, M.P., has offered to erect a fountain, value £100, in Palace-yard, Westminster.

The main entrance to the Great Exhibition building (the only portion of the edifice which remained standing) was demolished on Monday.

A race from Putney to Mortlake, for £200, was rowed on Tuesday, between F. Kilsby and D. Coombes. Coombes won by a few seconds.

An almost perfect example of the great Auk (Alca impennis), in a mummy state, has been forwarded to the British Museum by the President of the Nova Scotian Institute of Natural Science.

The ninety-eighth anniversary of the foundation of the Royal Academy of Arts was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., when the medals and prizes were awarded to the successful students. The travelling studentship of £100 for a year was gained by Mr. Phené Spiers.

The trustees and managers of the *Christian Witness* Fund presented, on Tuesday, an address, with £500, to Dr. John Campbell, who has this year retired from the editorship of the *Christian Witness* and *Christian Penny Magazine*—a position he has occupied twenty-one years. Both magazines were originated by Dr. Campbell.

In consequence of Christmas Day falling this year on Sunday, the trustees of the British Museum have granted the whole of the employés connected with that institution a holiday on Monday, Jan. 2, instead of Monday, the 26th inst. By this arrangement the public, who will be set free in large numbers on Boxing Day, will not be deprived of the opportunity of visiting the Museum. On the last occasion of Christmas Day falling on Sunday, the visitors to the museum on the following day exceeded 20,000.

A meeting of the promoters of the Printers' Orphan Asylum was held at Anderton's Hotel on Wednesday for the purpose of receiving the report of the preliminary committee, electing officers, and transacting other business. The chair was taken by Mr. Charles Reed, who has taken an active part in establishing the charity. Resolutions carrying out the object of the meeting were passed, and Mr. W. Clowes was chosen treasurer; Mr. Dorrington, secretary; and Mr. Benham, collector.

A meeting was held at the Mansion House on Wednesday—the Lord Mayor in the chair—in support of a project for the establishment of an orphan asylum, to be called "the Albert Orphan Asylum," to be erected on Bagshot-heath. It is proposed that the asylum, when complete, shall contain 1000 orphans, and an interesting peculiarity of the scheme is that the subscribers are to elect the children without being subject to the annoyance of a canvas. Mr. Williams, the hon. secretary, read a long list of donations and subscriptions, showing a total amount received of more than £7000.

At the meeting of the Society of Arts on Wednesday evening Sir Robert Kane read a paper on the recent progress and present state of industry in Ireland and the Dublin International Exhibition of 1865. The chair was taken by Lord Dufferin, and there was a very large attendance of members. The paper was of considerable length and great interest. Sir Robert Kane pointed out that there had been great growth in the manufacturing industry of Ireland, and contended that the depression of late years had been mainly caused by the very bad weather. A discussion followed the reading of the paper.

A distinguished company assembled on Wednesday at the yard of the Thames Ironworks, Blackwall, to witness the launch of a remarkably fine iron-clad frigate, the Sultan Mahmoud, for the service of his Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey. The principal dimensions of this splendid specimen of naval architecture are as follow:—Length between the perpendiculars, 293 ft.; ditto of the keel for tonnage, 255 ft. 9 in.; breadth for tonnage, 55 ft. 11 in.; depth in midships from top of keel, 37 ft. 6½ in.; burden in tons, 1221 51/94; with engines of 900 horse-power, nominal. The ceremony of naming the vessel (the English custom of breaking a bottle of wine against her bows being observed, all Turkish as she is notwithstanding) was performed by Mme. Musurus, wife of the Turkish Ambassador.

Last week the births of 1961 children—1020 boys and 941 girls—were registered in London. In the ten corresponding weeks of the years 1854-63 the average number (corrected) was 1886.——The deaths in London, which had risen in the week that ended Nov. 19 to 1742, and in the two following weeks had fallen to 1677 and 1624, further declined, last week, to 1521. The average number of deaths in the forty-ninth week of ten years, 1854-63, is, with a correction for increase of population, 1467. The deaths referred to scarlatina were 69; they were less numerous than they had been in many previous weeks. Typhus, of which 89 fatal cases were recorded, shows a higher number than any other zymotic disease. There were 45 deaths from measles, and 11 from smallpox. Phthisis (or consumption) was fatal in 154 cases, bronchitis in 200, pneumonia in 97, and heart disease in 75. The first two diseases were very near their respective averages. Twelve nonagenarians died in the week, six men and six women. The two oldest were a man ninety-five years and a woman of the same age.

On Monday an ordinary meeting of the Royal Geographical Society was held in Burlington House—Sir R. Murchison, the president, in the chair. Before the commencement of the regular business Sir R. Murchison directed attention to a magnificent volume on the table, which had been presented to the society by the Emperor of Brazil, who had been elected an honorary Fellow. The Rev. J. C. Fletcher, of Massachusetts, by whom the work had been brought, stated that it gave a description, with numerous maps, of the river San Francisco, in South America. The river is 1200 miles long, but for 400 miles near the sea it is not navigable. For 800 miles, however, it is navigable for large vessels, and it is intended to construct a road to tap the upper waters of the river, which will open the communication with an extensive and richly fertile region, where cotton is cultivated by free labour, and may be obtained in abundance. He eulogised in high terms the present Emperor, who possesses an extensive knowledge of science and literature, and takes so lively an interest in geographical and scientific pursuits that he attends twice every month the meetings of the Institute at Rio de Janeiro, and sits at the right hand of the president. He concluded by saying that the Emperor of Brazil is "every inch a King," and that there are six feet four inches of him.

LAW AND POLICE.—A breach of promise of marriage case was tried in the Court of Common Pleas yesterday week. The plaintiff, a Miss Couldere, the daughter of an engraver and heraldic-painter at Cambridge, sued a Mr. Lyle, the son of a miner in Cornwall, for damages. Mr. Lyle, when an undergraduate at Cambridge, had lodged in the house of the plaintiff's father, and had made love to Miss Couldere, eventually offering marriage and being accepted. A long correspondence took place. At last he resolved to provide a home for her in the colonies, and went out to New Zealand for that purpose. His last letter was written to her by means of a homeward-bound ship they fell in with, but as soon as he arrived in the colony he married a young lady who had been a fellow-passenger with him, and the couple had since returned to this country. Before the case had proceeded far it was settled by the counsel for the defendant consenting to pay £1000 damages.

A case tried for breach of contract before Baron Martin, in the Court of Exchequer, on Saturday, brought out some singular features. It was admitted that the contract related to the engaging a vessel to run the blockade at Charleston; on which Baron Martin, interposing, said he did not think the plaintiff could recover, as the contract was illegal. He was reminded that Mr. Justice Willes took an opposite view, and that his judgment had been upheld by the Court of Common Pleas; but the learned Judge adhered to his opinion, and expressed his satisfaction that all the parties engaged in the transaction were foreigners. Ultimately, a verdict was taken for the plaintiff, subject to a decision on a point of law.

The Central Criminal Court began a new Session on Monday. The list of offences is lighter than usual, but the crimes are grave. There are eight cases which are concerned with the taking away of life, and three more within the category of murder. Of these last, the most important is the case of the German, Kohl, for the murder of his countryman, Fuhrhop, in the Plaistow Marshes, but the trial has been postponed to the next Session. Among the trials that took place on Monday was that of the pretended heiress, Miss Horsfall, who found so many tradesmen ready to become the dupes of her spurious promises. She was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment.——On Tuesday the grand jury made a presentment setting forth that in the district of the Central Criminal Court the functions of the grand jury acted rather as a hindrance than as a help to the punishment of crime, as the police magistrates could and did make the necessary preliminary examination of charges much more effectively than they could pretend to do. They therefore prayed that the institution might be abolished.

The manager and secretary of the late Unity Bank were again brought up at the Mansion House Police Court last Saturday, charged with publishing a fraudulent balance-sheet of the bank. The case had additional interest from the fact that Alderman Mechi, late the chairman of the bank, was examined. The tendency of his evidence was to throw the blame entirely upon the two prisoners, Terry and Burch. They were again remanded.

The British Anti-Tobacco Society appears to have taken rather a strange way of enforcing its opinions. At the stations of the South-Western Railway bills have been posted, signed by the secretary of the society, offering rewards to any person who shall procure the conviction of smokers in railway carriages or on the platforms. The other day a gentleman had to wait three quarters of an hour at the Barnes station, and, going to the end of the platform in the open air, away from everybody, he began to smoke. Some one came to him and demanded his name and address, informing him that he would be prosecuted at the instance of the Anti-Tobacco Society. He then wrote to the secretary of the society, and asked him for information in regard to the matter. In reply to this he received a letter, with an inclosure, informing him that, if he chose to pay the fine of 40s. incurred under the by-laws of the company, he would not be brought before the magistrates. Instead of doing so, he applied to the magistrate at the Westminster Police Court for a summons against the secretary of the Anti-Tobacco Society for seeking to extort money by threats. The summons was granted.

The pawning of money, strange as it appears, seems not to be infrequent. At the Lambeth Police Court, yesterday week, an aged woman, named Till, applied to Mr. Elliott for his advice. She stated that, on the 4th of April last, she pledged eight shillings at the shop of Mr. Aymes, a pawnbroker, in Lambeth-walk, for sixpence, and, having since lost the ticket, she called there on that day to take the pledge out or receive an affidavit on it.—Mr. Elliott: I cannot understand you. Do you mean to say that you pledged eight shillings in silver for sixpence?—Applicant: Yes, your Worship.—Mr. Elliott: What was your object in doing so extraordinary an act?—Applicant: The fact, your Worship, was that I was going into the workhouse, and, knowing that the money would be taken from me, I adopted that means of securing it.—Dixon, the usher, said that this was commonly done by persons going permanently into the workhouse. It was the practice at the workhouse, on persons going there to stop, to take off their clothes and wash them, and all the money found on them was appropriated to their support: and the sixpence which the applicant received she could keep in her mouth during the operation of washing and preserve it from her searchers.

A well-attired man attended at the Marlborough-street Police Court on Wednesday, and, in a serious tone, begged to make a statement which he said would be found to contain matter of no ordinary importance. First, he must state that he had, some time ago, made the acquaintance of a lady of great attainments, but of no property—a lady who, in fact, so far sacrificed herself to her children as to reduce herself to complete indigence. He had made a vow to her to see her through her difficulties, but being, in as far as pecuniary matters were concerned, somewhat similarly situated, he had suggested that they should unite their fates and fortunes, and make a joint effort to raise themselves into that position in society they were entitled to. He found, however, that he could not marry the lady, as she had a husband, though she was separated from him, but could not get a regular divorce, being without funds. They had talked over the matter together, and, finding that marriage in Ireland was a ceremony, in Scotland a declaration, and in England an affair costing money, had come to the determination to form a union which should be binding on each other. At the same time they entered into a solemn compact, that if they failed to raise themselves into a higher position they should commit suicide. The drugs were purchased, and they continued together; but, falling in their object, they reconsidered the determination they had come to, and had resolved to separate and exist; and he begged to hand over to the magistrate the bottle containing the poison, as a proof that all rash resolves had been given up. The applicant here handed the magistrate a small bottle wrapped in paper. The applicant said that was the first part of his case, and the second was of great importance. He was desirous of assistance, that he might raise himself into the position he once filled, and which he felt he ought to occupy. Mr. Tyrwhitt wished to know what a magistrate had to do with the matter. The applicant said that if a gentleman of the magistrate's large experience, in concert with the Earl of Shaftesbury and Sir Edward Lytton Bulwer, men who had studied life and were deeply skilled in its mysteries, together with the all-powerful press, would join in the work, they would at once decide on the value to be placed on his moral condition and intellectual attributes. Mr. Tyrwhitt did not appear to think there would be much difficulty in that matter. He had no control over the press, and he must refer the applicant to its conductors. The applicant bowed and retired.

COUNTRY NEWS.

The north-east coast has been visited by another gale, and several steamers have had to seek refuge in the Tyne.

Don Joaquin Marcos de Satrustegui has been approved by her Majesty as Consul at Newcastle for the Queen of Spain.

Miss Amy Sedgwick has just completed a successful engagement at the Prince of Wales's Theatre, Birmingham.

A gentleman of Norwich has at the present time more than 10,000 geese fattening for the London clubs and markets.

Mr. Townshend Smith, conductor of the recent Festival of the Three Choirs at Hereford, has been presented by the steward with a silver salver for his services.

The Council of the Architectural Institute of Scotland are (the *Scotsman* states) of opinion that the proposal for the erection of the Prince Consort Memorial on Arthur's Seat should not be entertained.

At a meeting of the Bradford Town Council, on Tuesday, a resolution for the adoption of the Public-house Closing Act was carried by a majority of three.

The Right Hon. Louis Perrin, retired Judge of the Court of Queen's Bench, died, at an advanced age, last week, at his residence, Knockdromin, near Rush, in the county of Dublin.

The £400 subscribed in Liverpool as a testimonial to Sir Rowland Hill will be devoted, in accordance with the wishes of Sir Rowland himself, to the purchase of one or more paintings, to be selected by himself.

Last week 157 births (those of 71 boys and 86 girls) and 132 deaths (those of 76 males and 58 females) were registered within the municipal boundaries of Dublin.

Mr. Davenport Bromley was on Tuesday elected without opposition for North Warwickshire, in place of the late Mr. Spooner. He is a supporter of Lord Derby, but will offer no factious opposition to Lord Palmerston. On church rates and the malt tax he declined to give any pledge.

A Domesday-book for Dorchester has lately been discovered among the archives of that city by Mr. J. Burtt, of the Public Record Office. The *Reader* states that the book is of the time of Edward III., and is in excellent condition.

The Liverpool Town Council on Wednesday agreed to purchase the Woodlands and Walton Lodge estates, subject to obtaining the requisite powers from Parliament, for the purpose of transforming them into a public park for the north end of the town.

A great reform meeting was held at Bradford on Thursday week. The St. George's Hall, holding between 4000 and 5000 persons, was densely crowded. Mr. W. E. Forster, M.P., presided, and he and Sir Francis Crossley, M.P., Mr. Stansfeld, M.P., and Mr. Edward Baines, M.P., delivered speeches urging the necessity of a speedy reform in the representation of the people. Several resolutions were passed.

The last chapter of the painful history of the South Staffordshire colliers' strike closes with the report of the trial and conviction of nineteen miners, at Stafford, on Saturday last. A verdict of guilty having been returned against all the prisoners, the counsel for the prosecution and the Lord Lieutenant of the county joined in a recommendation to mercy, and justice and public freedom were cheaply vindicated by the sentence of eight of them to a month's imprisonment and the binding over of the rest in their own recognisances to keep the peace.

During the month of November there were registered in the eight principal towns of Scotland the births of 2927 children, of whom 1491 were males and 1436 females. 846 marriages were registered in the eight towns, being nine marriages above the average for the month during the nine previous years. In the same towns 2254 deaths were registered, which is ninety-seven deaths more than the average for the month during the nine previous years; forty-four per cent of the deaths were of children under five years of age, the greatest percentage (forty-seven) being contributed by Glasgow.

The Cambridge Local Examinations of this year began on Monday and close to-day (Saturday). According to the *Cambridge Independent* there is a considerable increase in the number of candidates this year; the number of seniors is 179, and of juniors 655, making a total of 844, and of these twenty-two decline the examination in religious knowledge, including six at Trinidad, where, in the Government school, religious knowledge does not form one of the authorised subjects of education. In the year 1863 the number of senior candidates was 115, and of junior candidates 514, making in all 629, and of these sixteen declined the examination in religious knowledge, including the ten candidates at Trinidad. The following are the names of the centres at which the examinations will be held:—Barnstaple, Brighton, Bristol, Cambridge, Exeter, Hastings, Leeds, Liverpool, London, Lutterworth, Northampton, Norwich, Plymouth, Sheffield, Southampton, Torquay, Trinidad, West Buckland, Windsor, and Wolverhampton.

THE EDINBURGH NATIONAL GALLERY.—Great improvements have been made both in the altering of the arrangement of the pictures formerly in the gallery and by the exhibition of several important new acquisitions. Foremost amongst the latter is Mr. Dyce's cartoon of "The Judgment of Solomon," a large and important work. The group of the young King and his immediate attendants is very finely composed and painted. The figure of the brawny, half-naked executioner, whose back is turned to the spectator, is a fine specimen of anatomical drawing, and the dead child is admirable. The expression of the rival claimants for the living child are also well rendered; but the left hand and arm of the pretended mother are badly drawn. Altogether, however, the work is a fine one and a valuable acquisition to the gallery. But what pleased us most were the "Scott Drawings," consisting of nearly fifty water colours by some of the most eminent English masters, bequeathed to the trustees of the National Gallery by the late Mr. John Scott, of the firm of Messrs. Colnaghi, Scott, and Co., of London. This series of drawings comprises water colours by Danby, Girtin (one of the founders of the English school of water-colour painting), Collins, David Cox, Roberts, Leslie, Cattermole, P. Derrint, J. D. Harding, Joseph Nash, Knell, Callow, Fripp, Elmore, and several other distinguished artists; as well as pencil-drawings by Patrick Nasmyth, William Dyce, Sir Edwin Landseer, and Samuel Prout. Among the most remarkable of these drawings are those by Joshua Cristall, born at Truro, in Cornwall, in 1768. They are distinguished by a fine feeling for colour, masterly composition, clever drawing, and fine aerial perspective. Mr. Cristall was one of the founders of the original Society of Painters in Water Colours, whose first exhibition was opened in April, 1805. There are more than a dozen of his works now in our National Gallery, consisting of mythological and classical subjects, and English and Welsh scenery.—*Edinburgh Evening Courant.*

THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE LATE DAVID ROBERTS, R.A.

We present an Engraving of the house in which the late David Roberts was born, as mentioned in the biographical notice which accompanied his Portrait in our last week's Number. The house is still in the state in which it was in 1859, when Mr. E. W. Cooke, R.A., as a token of private friendship, made the sketch he has kindly allowed us to copy. It is situated in Church-lane, Stockbridge, once a detached village, but now part of the New Town of Edinburgh. The spot is close to the brook called the Water o' Leith, and near St. Bernard's Well. Our View is of the back of the house, showing the circular staircase. The front, which looks into a narrow street, is much less picturesque, but adorned with a stone tablet, or lintel, over the doorway, bearing the legend, sculptured in relief:

I FEAR GOD ONLYE
1605. I.R.

The house itself, however, is not so ancient as the date of this inscription. Mr. Roberts told a friend that it was built in 1790, out of the materials of some old houses in Marline's Wynd, which were taken down to make room for the South Bridge. In connection with this record of the painter's birthplace, it is pleasing to mention that when, by his own genius and industry, he had raised himself in social rank, he took care to make ample provision for his father and mother, settling upon the aged couple a sufficiently yearly allowance for their support. Another eminent painter, Raeburn, was born in the same suburb of Edinburgh.

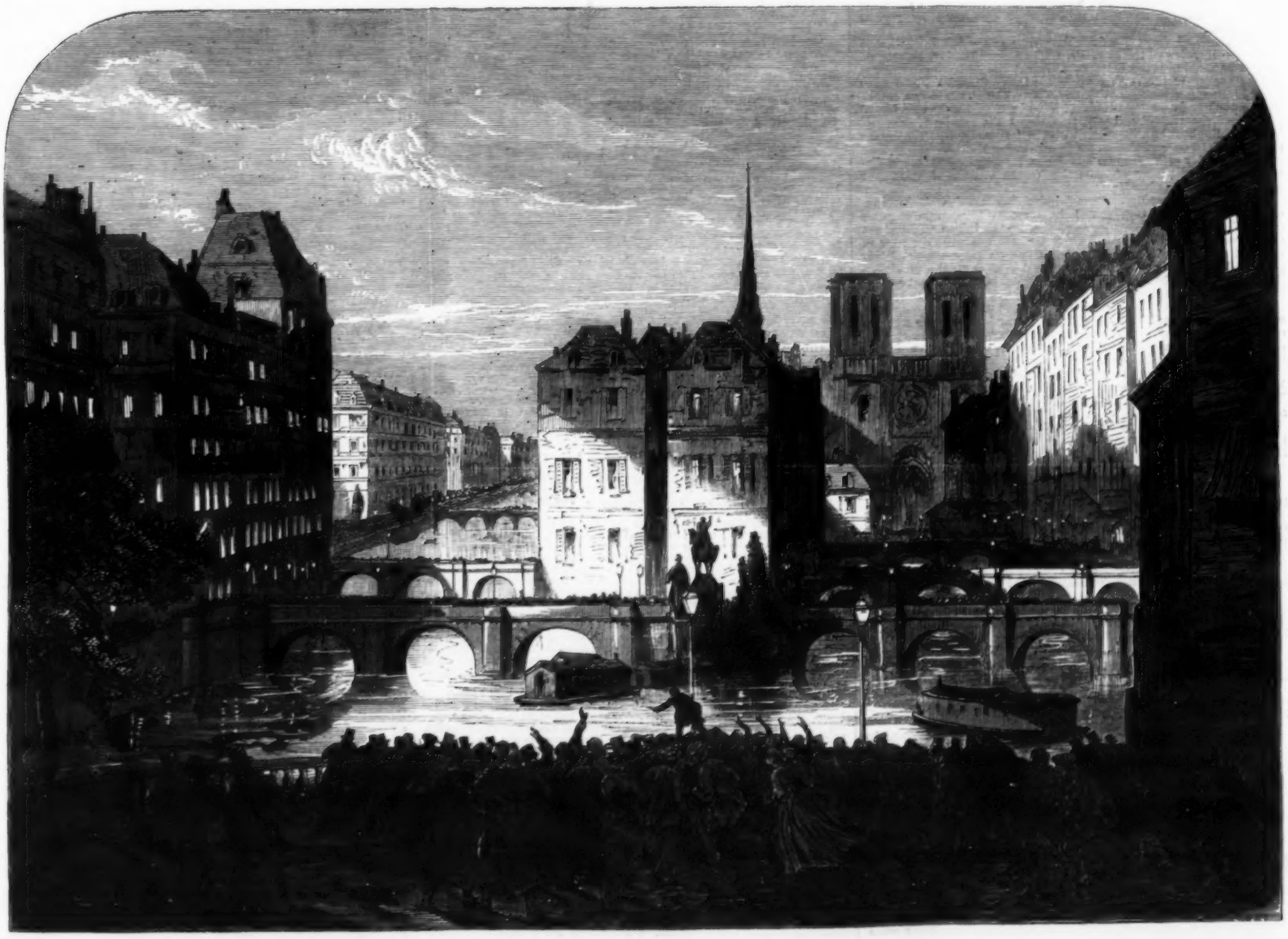
THE BIRTHPLACE OF DAVID ROBERTS, EDINBURGH.

SCENE FROM "THE WORKMEN OF PARIS."

We have already noticed the new domestic drama of Parisian life, which the management of the Adelphi has borrowed from the Porte St. Martin. "Les Drames du Cabaret"—a title which might have been translated "Tragedies of the Tap-room"—is designed, like the latest works of Mr. George Cruikshank, as a warning against the vice of drunkenness. The greatest villain, however, among the dramatis personæ is an elderly Dutch merchant, who does not get drunk, though he seduces, betrays, and murders the unwary victims of his machinations; while the honest workman Daubry, who only beats his wife and children after a glass too much, and M. Albert, the dissipated young gentleman who ruins a poor girl as it were inadvertently, when rather over-excited by wine, are represented as fit objects of our sympathy. The moral would therefore seem to be that habitual intoxication is not the worst of vices after all, but that M. Van Gratz himself, the wicked old rich man of the story, is said to have once got tipsy in his youth and killed the father of Albert in his cups. The dramatic interest of the piece, with the powerful acting of Mr. Benjamin Webster, will probably continue to draw for many nights a crowded audience who may not care to discuss its moral teaching. There are two novel and elaborate scenic effects, which greatly add to the attractions of the play. One of them represents a foundry, or engineer's factory, with all its machinery at work; the other is a view of Paris by moonlight, taking in the Pont Neuf and the Cité, with the towers of Notre Dame in the background. The reality of this picture is heightened by the introduction of lighted lamps and similar appliances, producing a spectacle which in its kind has not been surpassed. The Engraving we here present gives a fair idea of it. Mr. Gates is the painter of this scene.

OPENING OF THE SUSPENSION-BRIDGE AT CLIFTON.

The Suspension Bridge over the River Avon at Clifton was formally opened on Thursday week. It was a great day for Bristol and Clifton, as well as for the neighbouring parts of Gloucestershire and Somersetshire, now furnished thus magnificently with a convenient passage from one shore to the other of the river by which they are divided. The history of this project is somewhat remarkable. In the year 1753 Alderman Vick, of Bristol, bequeathed to the Society of Merchant Venturers the sum of £1000, directing that such sum should be placed out at interest until it should accumulate and increase to £10,000, when it was to be applied to the building of a stone bridge across the Avon from Clifton-down, in the county of Gloucester, to Leigh-down, in the county of Somerset. This was the origin of the gigantic scheme that has only just now been carried into execution, after the lapse of 111 years. It was at once perceived to be impossible to build a stone bridge across so vast a chasm. For nearly eighty years the £1000 left by Mr. Vick was allowed to accumulate; and in the year 1830, when the railway system was beginning to make itself felt, the citizens of Bristol began to think of the old legacy and the possibility of applying it to the purpose for which it was left. At that time the money had increased to £8000, and it was resolved to use the amount as the nucleus of whatever sum might be required to construct the bridge. An Act of Parliament was obtained, and plans were advertised for. The first estimate given for a stone bridge was £90,000, about half what such a building, if practicable, would cost; so stone was given up for iron, and Telford, the builder of the Menai Bridge, and the late Mr. Brunel, competed for the honour of giving a design for a suspension bridge. Mr. Brunel's design was preferred. His estimate was £57,000; but when £45,000 had been spent only the towers had been built, and the work came to a stop. His design was a chain bridge of a single span of 700 ft., two chains passing over two towers, and being anchored deep in the limestone rocks behind them. In 1843 all the money was gone, and the scheme was in abeyance for want of funds, and, though many propositions were made to the trustees under the old Act of Parliament, the bridge would very likely have been incomplete to this day had not the removal of Hungerford Bridge become necessary. Mr. Brunel, as it happened, had been the engineer of Hungerford Bridge; and when, therefore, its chains had to be pulled down and to give place to the bridge of the Charing-cross



SCENE FROM "THE WORKMEN OF PARIS," AT THE ADELPHI THEATRE: PARIS BY MOONLIGHT.

THE WORKS OF THE METROPOLITAN EXTENSION RAILWAY IN SMITHFIELD.—SEE NEXT PAGE.

Railway, it occurred to Mr. Hawkshaw to have them applied to the completion of one of the greatest of all Mr. Brunel's bridge designs. For such a purpose the money was soon forthcoming. A new company, under a new Act and presided over by Captain Huish, was started, with a capital of £35,000. The chains of Hungerford Bridge were purchased for £5000; the stone towers, built by Mr. Brunel for the old company, for £2000. Two years ago the work of slinging these chains began, and the bridge is now finished. A few words of description will suffice. The bridge is supported by three chains on each side. These chains, or rather jointed iron bars, are built together by joining sideways a series of flat iron bars, or parts of links—ten and eleven bars, an odd and even number, alternately composing one link; each bar of each link being 24 ft. long by 7 in. broad and 1 in. thick. The shore ends of the chains are secured by taking down the links no less than 75 ft. deep into the heart of the limestone rocks and then building them in with solid masonry. The towers over which these chains pass are built after the massive and ponderous style of Egyptian architecture. There are arched towers 48 ft. wide by 30 ft. thick and 80 ft. high. On the Bristol side they only go down some 10 ft. or 12 ft. to meet the rock, but on the opposite shore the shelving conformation of the strata requires a pile of masonry 100 ft. high to meet the roadway above it. The bridge, which hangs from the chains over these towers, is made by tie-rods, 2 in. in diameter and 8 ft. apart—eighty-one in number on each side of the structure. Each pair of tie-rods have suspended to them the cross girders which carry the floor of the roadway. These girders are 18 in. deep and 33 ft. long, and, like all the rest of the work, are of wrought iron. The carriage-way is 20 ft. wide, and the footways 5½ ft. wide each. A division 3 ft. high is formed between the roadway and the footways by two long wrought-iron girders, 3 ft. deep by 8 in. wide, which, like two backbones, stiffen the bridge from end to end, and check the vibration caused by storms of wind. The curve, or rise, in the bridge is only 2½ ft. at the centre. The saddles or rollers which let the chains move over the towers meet the contraction and expansion caused by changes of heat and cold in the atmosphere. The total span of the bridge is 702 ft. 3 in., and its height above the water is 260 ft. It is thus the longest and highest suspension-bridge in the world. All the iron work, wrought or cast, has been supplied by the Messrs. Cochrane.

The ceremony of opening the new bridge was attended with much festivity and pomp. There was a procession through the city of Bristol, composed of all the trades and benefit societies, bearing the banners and models illustrative of various callings. This procession, which came early, was immense in numbers, and took nearly three hours to wind through Bristol to the edge of the Clifton ravine, whence they wound down by the "zigzag" to the banks of the Avon. There was another and more dignified procession, which came precisely at twelve o'clock to perform the actual ceremony. It comprised the Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire, Earl Ducie, the Lord Lieutenant of Somersetshire, the Earl of Cork, the High Sheriffs of both counties, the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, the Mayor and Corporation of Bristol, the county and city members of Parliament; the chairman and directors of the bridge company, with its officers; the engineers, Mr. Hawkshaw and Mr. W. Barlow; the contractors, Messrs. Cochrane and Grove; the superintendent of works, Mr. T. Airey, and the workmen; the Master and Wardens of the Society of Merchant Venturers; the foreign Consuls; the Freemasons, Foresters, and other Friendly Societies, escorted by the Yeomanry Cavalry, the Volunteer Artillery and Rifles, and the Naval Reserve. This procession did not arrive upon the ground till all the spectators and visitors were assembled—that is to say, till the approaches to the bridge were filled, till the heights of Leigh Wood were crowded, and the ledge of steep grey cliffs lined with dense masses of people. The opening ceremony was performed by the procession crossing the bridge from the Clifton to the Leigh Wood side, amidst a grand salute from the Volunteer Artillery. From the Somerset side the return was made in the same order to the Clifton or Gloucestershire end, when a halt was called in front of the grand strand erected for visitors; and Captain Huish, the chairman of the company, read a brief address, setting forth the history of the undertaking, which was loudly cheered. The Bishop of Gloucester offered up a prayer; after which, in a few brief words, the Earl of Ducie, for the county of Gloucester and city and county of Bristol, and the Earl of Cork for the county of Somerset, each formally declared the bridge opened to the public for traffic, amidst renewed cheers, which were repeated again and again. The Engraving on our front page gives a view of this animated scene.

In the course of the afternoon a late déjeuner, or early dinner, was given at the Victoria Rooms, to which all the chief visitors and the leading gentry of Bristol and its neighbourhood were invited. During the night the bridge was illuminated with the electric light and with Bengal fires. We have preferred, however, to give for our second illustration a view of this majestic structure, as seen by daylight, with the romantic scenery around it.

THE WORKS OF THE METROPOLITAN RAILWAY

EXTENSION IN SMITHFIELD.

The Finsbury Extension of the Metropolitan Railway, a line of three quarters of a mile, from the present terminus near the head of Farringdon-street to the proposed City station at Finsbury-pavement, is making rapid progress with its excavations and brickwork, under the direction of Mr. Armstrong, whom the contractor, Mr. Kelk, has placed in charge of these operations. There is a prospect of the line being finished in the course of next year. The greater part of its length is open cutting; but some portions are to be arched over, so that the houses taken down may be rebuilt in their former sites, especially in those places where the railway intersects any of the well-known City streets between Aldersgate and Finsbury. The line traverses Smithfield from west to east, thence passes along the south side of Charterhouse-square parallel with Barbican, and reaches the proposed Aldersgate-street station at the corner of Long-lane; from which point it goes straight to Finsbury-pavement, crossing Golden-lane and Whitecross-street on its way. The Metropolitan Extension of the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway, diverging from that line at the bottom of Skinner-street, before it reaches the intended approach to the Farringdon-street station, will pass up Snow-hill, beneath King-street and West-street, to join the Finsbury Extension of the Metropolitan Railway, properly so called, at the spot represented in our Engraving, which is made from a sketch taken a fortnight or three weeks ago. The brick-work shown in our Illustration, and now greatly advanced, is to form a basement for the new meat market, which will be situated directly over the railway in the western part of Smithfield. The point from which our artist took his sketch is near the bottom of Cow-cross and St. John-street, looking towards the south-west. St. Bartholomew's Hospital, with St. Paul's Cathedral behind, and the pinnacles of St. Sepulchre's Church, may easily be recognised. The importance of this line, as it is to be used by the London, Chatham, and Dover Company, will be still more enhanced by the arrangement just concluded, which enables the London and South-western Company to bring its trains from Clapham Junction, or rather from Battersea, upon the London, Chatham, and Dover Company's line, running to Blackfriars and Ludgate-hill, thence, as here described, to Farringdon-street, Aldersgate-street, and Finsbury-pavement. It appears, moreover, that the Metropolitan Extension will not stop at Finsbury, but be continued to Liverpool-street, in the very heart of the City.

The Government emigrant-ship Himalaya, 1050 tons, belonging to Messrs. John Lidgett and Sons, London, sailed from Plymouth on the 5th inst. for Sydney, New South Wales, with 400 emigrants, comprising 51 married people, 132 single men, 132 single women, 36 boys and 42 girls between one and twelve years of age, and 7 infants—in all equal to 354 statute adults, in the care of Mr. John G. Winstone, surgeon-superintendent, assisted by Miss Hannah Smythe, matron; and Mr. Thomas Short, schoolmaster.——The Arabian, 1068 tons, belonging to Messrs. Wilson and Chambers, Liverpool which sailed in the first instance from the Mersey on the 1st., and which, from stress of weather, had to put back into Holyhead Harbour, sailed from the latter place on the 8th inst. for Melbourne, Victoria, with 203 Government emigrants, consisting of eight married couples, 175 single women, and 12 children, under the care of Mr. John Scott, surgeon-superintendent, assisted by Miss Caroline Leith, matron.——The Sirocco, 1246 tons, Mr. Ebenezer Roy, master, which sailed from Plymouth on the 18th of June, arrived at Sydney on the 3rd of October last, with 309 Government emigrants, under the care of Mr. Ambrose Newbold, M.D., surgeon-superintendent, assisted by Miss Eliza Barker, matron. Three births and one death took place on the voyage.

BIRTHS.

On the 8th inst., at 12, Lanark Villas, Maida-hill, the wife of J. H. Kerr, Esq., Royal Navy, of a son.

At Dublin, Lady Lurgan, of a daughter.

At Park-street, Grosvenor-square, the Hon. Mrs. Trefusis, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

On June 9, at St. Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, by the Rev. F. O. Mayne, Charles M. Russell, Esq., M.D., to Geraldine, fifth daughter of the late M. G. Rochfort, Esq.

On the 10th ult., at Mount Hope, Westminster, Upper Canada, by the Rev. Francis Nicol, John Crerar, Esq., accountant, Bank of Montreal, Peterboro', C.W., to Jessie Anne, eldest daughter of Adam Hope, Esq., merchant, of London, C.W.

DEATHS.

On the 27th ult., at 2, St. Mary Abbott's-terrace, Kensington, Richard Russell, Esq., formerly of Stoke Newington, aged 76.

On the 4th inst., at Boulogne-sur-Mer, Margaret, widow of Wallop Brabazon, Esq., of Rath House, in the county of Louth, formerly of Dunany Abbey, in the same county, aged 75.

On the 8th inst., at his residence, Harcourt-terrace, Dublin, Lord W. C. O'Brien FitzGerald, aged 71.

At Edinburgh, Margaret, daughter of the late Sir W. Miller, Bart., of Glenlee, one of the Judges of the Court of Session, aged 83.

At Menie House, Aberdeenshire, General Sir G. Turner, K.C.B., in his 85th year.

At Berlin, Baron von Reitzenstein, Hanoverian Envoy Extraordinary to the King of Prussia.

At Worthing, Georgiana, daughter of the late General Sir H. Wheatley, Bart.

On the 10th inst., John Greenwood Sugden, Esq., J.P., of Eastwood House, Keighley, aged 46 years.

On the 14th inst., at Leek, Staffordshire, Mrs. Ellen Cooper, aged 78.

On the 30th ult., at her residence, 55, Hereford-road North, Bayswater, Susan Terry, widow of Albert Forster, Esq., late of London, and youngest daughter of the late Roope Harris Roope, Esq., formerly of Greenway, in the county of Devon, aged 76.

On Oct. 12, in Japan, Captain the Hon. Adolphus E. P. Vereker, 20th Regiment, youngest son of Viscount Gort.

**** The charge for the insertion of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is Five Shillings for each announcement.*

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 24.

SUNDAY, Dec. 18.—Third Sunday in Advent. Death of Samuel Rogers, the poet, 1855.

MONDAY, 19.—Hanover established as the ninth German Electorate for Ernest, father of George I. of England, 1692. Death of Augustus Pugin, architect, 1852.

TUESDAY, 20.—Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyred at Rome, 107. Sir Francis Bourgeois bequeaths the Dulwich Gallery, 1810. South Carolina secedes from the Union, 1860.

WEDNESDAY, 21.—St. Thomas. The shortest day. Sir John Coventry maimed by the Mohawks (the Coventry Act passed in consequence), 1670. Moon's last quarter, 5h. 8m. a.m.

THURSDAY, 22.—Defensive league of the Protestant Princes, at Smalcald, against the Emperor, 1530. Death of James Prichard, the great ethnologist, 1848.

FRIDAY, 23.—St. Victoria, virgin and martyr, at Rome, 250. Death of Michael Drayton, the poet, 1631.

SATURDAY, 24.—Victory of John Hunniades over the Turks at Kunobitza, 1445. Death of Hugh Miller, geologist, 1856.

TIMES OF HIGH WATER AT LONDON BRIDGE,

FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 24, 1864.

Sunday.		Monday.		Tuesday.		Wednesday.		Thursday.		Friday.		Saturday	
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THE WEATHER.

RESULTS OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS AT THE KEW OBSERVATORY OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

Lat. 51° 28′ 6″ N.; Long. 0° 18′ 47″ W.; Height above sea, 34 feet.

DAY.		BAILY MEANS OF					THERMOMETER		WIND.		RAIN in 24 hours, read at 10 A.M.
		Barometer Corrected.	Temperature of the Air.	Dew Point	Relative Humidity.	Amount of Cloud.	Minimum, read at 10 a.m.	Maximum, read at 10 p.m.	General Direction.	Movement in 24 hours.	
		Inches.	°	°		0-10	°	°		Miles.	Inches
Dec.	7	29·864	46·7	44·6	·92	10	35·0	48·7	S. SSW.	282	·094
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	9	29·817	44·1	41·4	·91	5	27·9	47·4	S.	98	·027
	10	29·838	39·9	38·1	·94	5	38·7	..	E. SSE. NE.	149	·010
	11	..	..	..	..	..	30·0	50·2	..	316	·008
	12	29·496	45·5	42·4	·90	7	44·5	48·6	SSE. S. SW.	308	·000
	13	29·243	42·8	42·0	·97	10	32·9	46·0	NE. E.	232	·030

The following are the readings of the meteorological instruments for the above days, in order, at half-past nine a.m.:—

Barometer (in inches) corrected	29·228	29·605	29·819	29·854	29·741	29·599	29·541
Temperature of Air	46·2°	45·7°	39·9°	40·4°	45·2°	47·4°	39·5°
Temperature of Evaporation	45·7°	44·7°	..	39·7°	45·0°	45·3°	39·4°
Direction of Wind	S.	SSE.	CALM.	E.	SSE.	SSE.	NE.

GRAND CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME, entitled THE LION AND THE UNICORN FIGHTING FOR THE CROWN, Written by H. J. BYRON, Esq. To be produced on BOXING NIGHT at HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

THEATRE ROYAL, DRURY-LANE.—Managers, Messrs. EDMUND FALCONER and F. B. CHATTERTON.—Last Two Nights of the Company performing previous to Christmas. Last appearances of Miss Helen Faucit, Mr. Phelps, and Mr. Creswick for a considerable period. The Free-list entirely suspended. On MONDAY, DEC. 19, and TUESDAY, DEC. 20, Shakespeare's Play of CYMBELINE—Leonatus Posthumus, Mr. Phelps; Iachimo, Mr. Creswick; Cloten, Mr. Walter Lacy; Belarius, Mr. H. Marston; Pisanio, Mr. Edmund Phelps; Guiderius, Mr. G. F. Neville. Queen, Miss Atkinson; Imogen, Miss Helen Faucit. Preceded each Evening by the Farce of A YOUNG LAD FROM THE COUNTRY. Principal characters by Messrs. G. Belmore, G. F. Neville, Fitzjames, G. Spencer, Miss Helen Howard, and Miss Rose Leclercq. Doors open at Half-past Six; commences at a Quarter to Seven, and terminate at a Quarter past Eleven. Special Morning Performances, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Dec. 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31. During Boxing Week, Children and Schools at reduced prices to the following parts of the Theatre:—Dress Circle, First Circle, and Stalls, for Morning Performances only. Boxing Night and during the Holidays, the GRAND CHRISTMAS COMIC PANTOMIME, written by E. L. Blanchard, Esq., entitled HOP O' MY THUMB. The gorgeously-beautiful character of the decorations, inclusive of more than the usual amount of scenical surprises and transformation wonders, are ensured by the fact of their being entirely designed, and for the most part executed, by the celebrated Artist, William Beverley, whose eminent services have been retained this Christmas exclusively for the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane. The general action of the pantomime arranged by, and the whole produced under the direction of, Mr. Robert Roxby. Characters in the opening:—Miss Lydia Thompson, Miss Helen Howard, Miss Hudspeth, Mr. G. Belmore, Tom Matthews, Mr. Fitzjames, Mr. G. Weston, and Master Percy Roselle, &c. The Harlequinade will include the services of those popular pantomimists (forming a Double Company), Harry Boleno and Mr. C. Lauri, Clowns; Mr. W. A. Barnes and Mr. J. Morris, Pantaloons; Mr. Cormack and Mr. S. Saville, Harlequins; Mdme. Boleno and Misses Gunnis, Columbines. The Masks, Devices, and Dresses from designs by the humorously-renowned Dykwynkyn. The Dances and Action of the Ballet arranged by Mr. Cormack. Comic Scenes, Tricks, &c., invented by Messrs. H. Boleno and Cormack. The Music selected and arranged by Mr. J. Barnard. Machinery by Mr. Tucker and Assistants. Gas Effects by Mr. J. Hinkley. Properties by Mr. Needham and Assistants. Dresses by Mr. S. May and Mrs. Lawler. Box-office open from Ten till Five daily.

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King Cheer. By JAMES GODWIN.
The Light of Other Days. From a Painting by J. T. LUCAS.
A Pictorial Christmas Charade. Four Illustrations. By A. HUNT.

Among the NEWS ILLUSTRATIONS will be the following:—
Arrival of Sir John Lawrence, Governor-General of India, at the Lahore Railway Station.
The Durbar, or Assembly of Princes and Nobles of the Punjaub, convened by Sir John Lawrence at Lahore.
The Late Action of the Allied Fleets in Japan—Assault on the Lower Battery at Simonoseki: Interior of the Battery.
Portrait of the Late M. Mocquard, Private Secretary to the Emperor Napoleon III.
Launch of the Turkish Iron-clad Frigate "Sultan Mahmoud" at Millwall.

TALES, SKETCHES, AND POEMS.

The Happy Christmas at Fredensvik. By MARY HOWITT.
Flowers and Thorns. By MARK LEMON.
The Light of Other Days. By SHIRLEY BROOKS.
Holly, Ivy, and Mistletoe. By THOMAS MILLER.
The Roundhead's Parole. By the Author of "Abel Drake's Wife."
King Cheer. By GEORGE MACDONALD.
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LONDON: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1864.

THE well-known inscription which invites visitors to French houses to "Speak to the porter" has occasioned many an irascible doorkeeper to splutter with rage at the jokes of irreverent young fellows who have pretended to understand the invitation as a request to all persons to come and converse with him. George Colman used the same idea in one of his poems, in which a gentleman explains why he has sounded such an awful peal at the doctor's door:—

> 'Tis time for bed, and I was hast'ning to it:
> But when you write up "Please to ring the bell,"
> Common politeness makes me stop and do it.

We should like to know whether, if "Speak to the magistrate" were written up at the police courts, that official would be exposed to many more impertinences than now. The ridiculous interviews (not a quarter of them are reported) to which our police magistrates are subjected, and the hindrance of public business, are becoming a nuisance, which is serious in itself though ludicrous in its conditions.

Perhaps as odd an application as has ever been made to a sitting magistrate was preferred on Wednesday last to Mr. Tyrwhitt, and we could almost fancy that the perpetrator intended benevolently to favour us with a topic to help out the dull talk which is about to set in with severity at this festive season. A tall and gentlemanly man goes before the magistrate, and tells a long story, which need not be taken into account, the point being that he and a lady to whom he was attached had resolved, if they could not rise to a higher position in the world, to commit suicide by poison. They made the vow, bought the poison, and could not rise in the world. But, instead of performing their rash undertaking, they, much more wisely, agreed to separate and oblige the world by continuing to exist. In proof that they had quite determined not to die, the applicant handed to the magistrate a small bottle, which was stated to contain poison, and which the repentant Werther seems to have wished to be deposited in the archives of the court. Whether Mr. Tyrwhitt thought that he was not called upon by his magisterial duties to keep a register-office for non-suicides, or whether he believed that the applicant was not exactly in the state of mind which is necessary to the validity of an obligation, the excellent magistrate suggested that the police were the proper depositories for the specific against earthly troubles. This decision seems to have been received very properly, and then the applicant proceeded to what he termed the important part of his case. Having resolved, for the good of society, to abstain from withdrawing himself from this world, he felt that, in return, society was bound to do something for him. He therefore proposed that Mr. Tyrwhitt, in company with the Earl of Shaftesbury and Sir Bulwer Lytton, should initiate a proceeding for restoring the petitioner to his proper place in society. They could study him and decide upon the value of "his moral and intellectual attributes," and then, with the aid of the press, could make a great man of him. One feels inclined to ask why Lord Shaftesbury and Sir Bulwer Lytton were nominated on this committee. The applicant stated his reason to be that they were deeply skilled in the mysteries of life. If we hazarded a guess at the reason why the Earl's name occurred to the gentleman, it might be that in one of that philanthropic nobleman's official capacities he and the applicant may have had an interview of a kind which will probably be repeated to the advantage of society. But Sir Bulwer Lytton has nothing to do with the visitation of persons who have the misfortune to differ from the rest of mankind, and the selection of the great novelist was simply a tribute to literature. However, Mr. Tyrwhitt, resisting the temptation of being joined with two such eminent men in so interesting a research, declined the proposal, and even added an expression which made it obvious that he had already reckoned up the intellectual, if not the moral, attributes of the petitioner. The more usual business of the police court was then allowed to proceed.

This sort of thing may be an agreeable variety for a gentleman who has to sit all day and hear incessant stories of brutality, sordid crime, vulgar outrage, and low wickedness generally, and in that case no one would desire to abridge such relaxations. And, as we have intimated, the story will not be unwelcome in the family party, when we have done with aunt Mary's cold, uncle Peter's rheumatism, and the question whether cousin Jones is to be forgiven or discarded after borrowing money from all of us and going through the Court. But, except in these points of view, we do not see why the valuable time of a magistrate should be taken up with a lunatic's nonsense; and we would suggest that a clerk should be appointed who should act as a kind of filter, and should save his chief from this sort of infliction.

THE COURT.

The Queen, with the junior members of the Royal family, is expected to leave Windsor Castle to-day (Saturday) en route for Osborne.

On Thursday week the Queen, accompanied by Princess Helena, walked and drove in the grounds of Windsor Castle. Princess Louisa took a drive.

Yesterday week the Queen, accompanied by Princess Helena, walked and drove in the castle grounds. Princess Beatrice walked out.

On Saturday last the Queen, accompanied by Princess Helena, walked and drove in the grounds of the castle. Princess Louisa, attended by the Hon. Emily Cathcart, took a drive. The Archbishop of Canterbury arrived at the castle.

On Sunday the Queen, Princess Helena, Princess Louisa, Princess Beatrice, and Prince Leopold attended Divine service in the private chapel of the castle. The Rev. W. Jolly and the Archbishop of Canterbury officiated. The Archbishop of Canterbury had the honour of dining with her Majesty.

On Monday the Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice, walked in the castle grounds. Princess Helena rode in the riding-school. Princess Louisa drove out. Prince Leopold, attended by Mr. Buff, went by the South-Western Railway to Richmond, and visited Lady Bowater at Richmond Park.

On Tuesday the Queen, accompanied by Princess Louisa, walked and drove in the castle grounds. Princess Helena rode in the Home Park. Princess Louisa, attended by the Hon. Florence Seymour, took a drive. Princess Beatrice walked out. Prince Arthur, attended by Major Elphinstone, arrived at the castle. Countess Blucher also arrived at the castle.

Wednesday was the third anniversary of the death of the lamented Prince Consort. At half-past eleven o'clock the Queen, accompanied by the members of the Royal family, repaired to the Royal mausoleum at Frogmore, and remained for some time. The mausoleum was hung with wreaths and garlands, immortelles, white azaleas, and evergreens. A number of wreaths of immortelles were placed at the foot of the sarcophagus, near which a lamp was burning. Choice exotics were also disposed around the mausoleum, the whole giving a very beautiful effect. The Queen passed the day in complete retirement. By command of her Majesty, the mausoleum was opened from twelve to three o'clock, for the whole of the members of the Royal household and the Queen's tradesmen, with their families, to visit it. A large number availed themselves of her Majesty's permission to pay this tribute to the memory of their lamented Prince and master.

The marriage of Princess Helena is expected to take place early in the ensuing spring.

The Countess Dowager of Mount-Edgcumbe has succeeded the Countess of Gainsborough as Lady in Waiting to the Queen.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

The Prince and Princess of Wales continue at Sandringham House.

On Monday week the Prince, attended by Captain Grey and Mr. Fisher, went hunting with the West Norfolk hounds, and enjoyed a good day's sport. The Princess, attended by the Countess of Macclesfield, drove to the meet at Houghton. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Earl Granville, the Earl of Sefton, Colonel the Hon. H. Percy, and Admiral Seymour arrived at Sandringham House, on a visit to the Prince and Princess.

On Tuesday week the Prince, accompanied by his guests, had a successful day's shooting in the Commodore and Dersingham Woods.

On Wednesday week the Prince, accompanied by Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, the Marquis of Hartington, the Earl of Sefton, Colonel the Hon. H. Percy, and Admiral Seymour, joined the meet of the West Norfolk hounds at Westacre. The members of the hunt mustered in great force. The day was not a good hunting day, but two short runs were obtained, in the first of which the fox lost his brush. Earl Granville left Sandringham House for London.

Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar left Sandringham House on Saturday last. The Marquis of Hartington, the Earl of Sefton, Admiral Seymour, and Colonel Bailey have also left Sandringham House.

On Sunday the Prince and Princess and Colonel the Hon. H. Percy attended Divine service at Sandringham church. The Rev. P. B. Moran, B.A., officiated.

Colonel the Hon. H. Percy left Sandringham House on Monday.

The Prince passes much of his time in hunting and shooting. The Princess takes daily walks and drives in the neighbourhood of Sandringham.

The Prince and Princess will honour the Earl and Countess of Leicester with a visit of two days at Holkham Hall about the 2nd of January next.

The Marchioness of Carmarthen has succeeded the Countess of Macclesfield in attendance upon the Princess.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge returned to Gloucester House, Park-lane, yesterday week, from visiting the Marquis and Marchioness of Bath at Longleat, Wilts.

His Excellency the Prussian Ambassador and Countess Bernstorff arrived at their residence on Carlton House-terrace, on Wednesday, from visiting the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury, at Hatfield House.

The Duke and Duchess of Somerset and Lady Gwendoline St. Maur left his Grace's official residence at the Admiralty, Whitehall, on Wednesday, for Stover, Devonshire.

The Duke and Duchess of Manchester have arrived in Paris from England, en route for Nice.

The Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe have left the Clarendon Hotel for Floors Castle.

Earl and Countess De Grey left Carlton-gardens on Monday for Studley Royal, their seat, near Ripon, Yorkshire.

Earl and Countess Delawarr have arrived at Buckhurst Park for the winter.

The Earl of Malmesbury has arrived at Wimpole Hall from Heron Court, Hants, on a visit to the Earl and Countess of Hardwicke.

The Countess of Fife and Lady Anne Duff have left London on a visit to Viscount and Viscountess Holmesdale.

Earl Annesley has left town on a visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Bath at Longleat, Wiltshire.

The Right Hon. Sir George Grey has left town for Stratton Park, Hants.

The Right Hon. the Chancellor of the Exchequer has arrived at Hawarden Castle from Clumber, Notts.

MARRIAGES IN HIGH LIFE.

The marriage of Lieutenant-Colonel Chetwynd Stapylton to Lady Barbara Leveson, daughter of the Earl and Countess of Milltown, took place, by special license, last week, at Russborough, the seat of the bride's father.

A marriage will shortly take place between Mr. George Henry FitzRoy, only surviving son of the late Sir Charles FitzRoy, K.C.B., formerly Governor-General of the Australian colonies, and of the late Lady Mary FitzRoy, and Miss Eugenia Chapman, daughter of Mr. David Barclay Chapman, of Roehampton.

Her Majesty has conferred upon Earl Spencer the Garter vacant by the death of the Duke of Newcastle.

It is understood that Parliament will meet on the 7th of February for the dispatch of business.

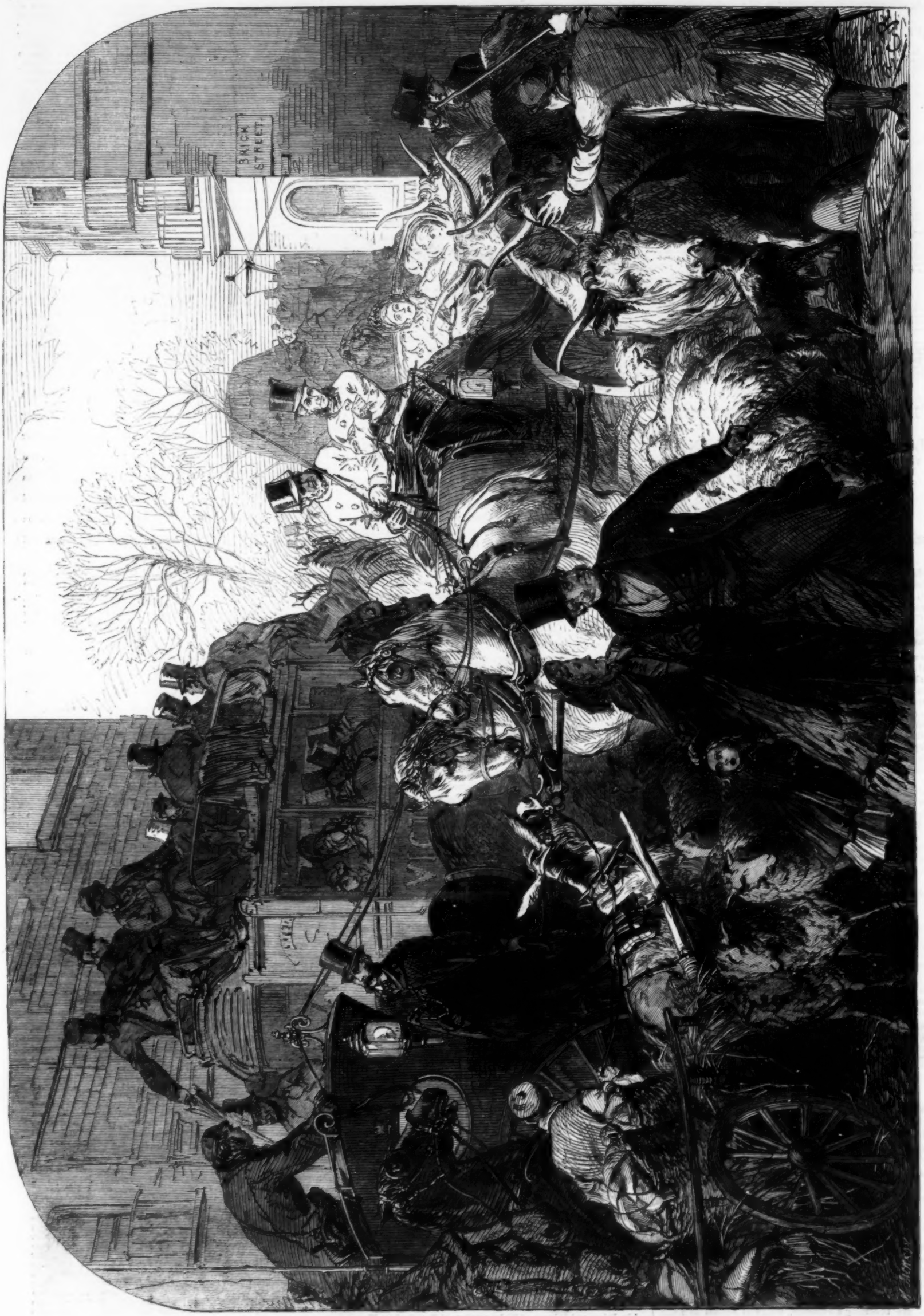
Mr. John C. A. Bones, Deputy Governor of Portsmouth convict prison, has been appointed Governor of Pentonville prison; and Captain C. B. Le Touche has been appointed to succeed Mr. Bones at Portsmouth prison.

We have been requested by Mr. W. Forster, steward of the Manor of Wimbledon, to state that Earl Spencer does not intend to remove the old Windmill, an Engraving of which lately appeared in this Journal.

The council of the Royal Academy have named Messrs. Millais, Ward, and E. W. Cooke as the managing committee for the coming exhibition. Messrs. Lee and Herbert should have served in rotation, but they are out of England—Mr. Lee in his yacht and Mr. Herbert in the Holy Land.

A "BLOCK" IN PARK-LANE.

THE discovery of a practicable north-west passage from Piccadilly to Paddington is an object quite as important as that north-west passage from Baffin's Bay to Behring's Strait, in quest of which, tempted by the hope of fame and large pecuniary reward, so many of our brave sailors have incurred the dangers and hardships of the Arctic clime. The congestion of traffic in Park-lane, which is at present the only available road, seems to be no less terrible than the risk of ships jostled by a herd of icebergs in a narrow and intricate sea passage. If we had an annual wreck-chart of the London streets, recording the precise locality of every disaster to our wheeled carriages, as the Life-boat Institution publishes a chart of all the maritime casualties around our shores, we may fancy what a dreadful double row of black dots and crosses would mark the numerous accidents which take place in this most crowded and difficult thoroughfare. The list of damaged vehicles would be serious enough in itself; the dislocated wheels, the broken shafts, the bruised panels of many a neat equipage, would plead for redress. But this is nothing to the sufferings of horses, and still more those of mankind, whom we may divide into three classes—those who drive, those who are driven, and those who are driven over. The sketch we have engraved was made from actual observation, not in the height of the London season, but a few weeks ago. Here is a fair illustration of the perils which beset this inconvenient road for all passengers, of whatever class or race, bipeds and quadrupeds alike; but worst for the pedestrians, men, women, and children who have occasion to pick their way round the skirts of May Fair and along the border of Hyde Park. The painful strangulation of metropolitan traffic in the small neck of this unhappy street towards the Piccadilly end is one of the most absurd sights that a Londoner can show to his country cousins when they come up to visit him, either at Christmas or in May, or at any other time of the year. Just about the corner of Brick-street, which is close to Holdernesse House, may be witnessed, at certain hours daily, a scene of ludicrous yet pitiable confusion, which our Artist's pencil has depicted more vividly than any verbal description could have done. The huge red omnibus, which runs from the Paddington to the Victoria Railway station; the sumptuous carriage and pair, which bears a Tyburnian lady returning from her round of shops or morning calls; the nimble hansom, which has, for its rapidity, been hired by an eager-looking gentleman to perform an errand of haste—these, with the costermonger's donkey-cart, the over-driven sheep and cattle, and the terrified family—papa and mamma, with their little girl, who are in such fear of being knocked down and trampled upon or crushed beneath the rolling wheels—compose a picture which might be fitly dedicated to the Metropolitan Board of Works or the First Commissioner of her Majesty's Works, if those authorities would be so good as to settle the question which of them is to provide the remedy for so great a public nuisance? It appears, indeed, from the discussion at their interview with each other a fortnight ago, that the question turns upon the cost of opening Upper Hamilton-place to relieve the gorged and choking throat of Park-lane from a portion of its excessive traffic. The Crown, as landlord, would not grant this boon (says Mr. Cowper) without a round sum of money as compensation. The Metropolitan Board (says Mr. Thwaites) cannot afford to pay it; so that, we fear, there is no immediate prospect of easing the Park-lane passage, since nobody wishes to admit the noise and dirt of common street carriages within the inclosure of the park itself.



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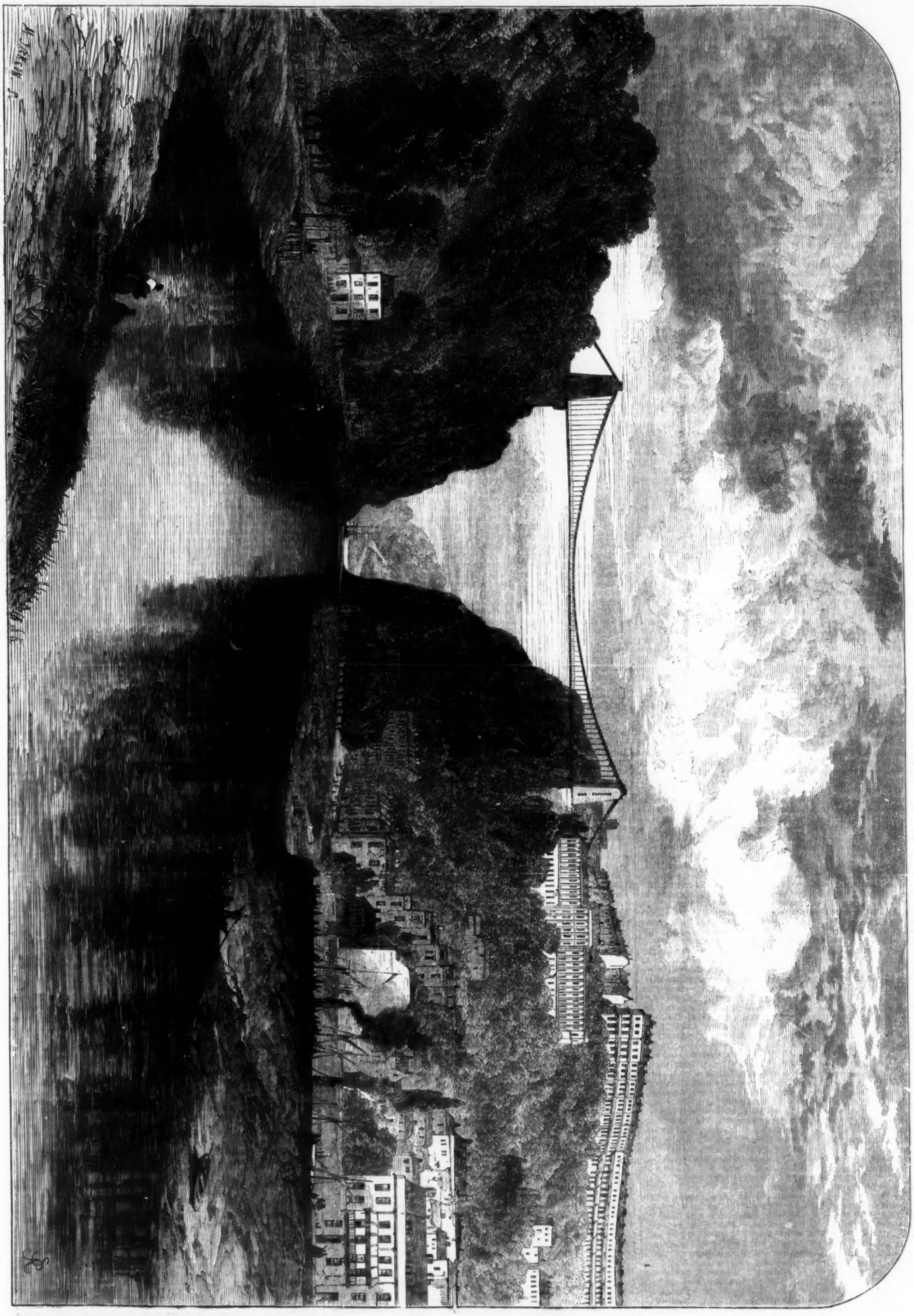

THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE OVER THE AVON AT CLIFTON.—SEE PAGE 609.

ECHOES OF THE WEEK.

To one who has been absent from the Great City and from England for a whole year, London seems strangely altered. The present writer has but recently returned from a long journey—a journey which began in the year 1863—and, during the last ten days, he has been diligently taking stock of the changes in the aspect of the huge hive of humanity beyond all cities in the world best beloved by him. Nothing need be said of the dear friends whom he left hale and prosperous, and who are dead. Every year, be it passed abroad or at home, must bring similar bereavements. The Dead March in "Saul" is a strain that never ceases, and in the procession of days the muffled drums are always beating that chamade to the grave. Nor need he allude, in detail, to a subject so delicate as the fact of so many of his friends having grown grey and fat. Has he, forsooth, found a Fontaine de Jouvence anywhere beyond sea? He is delighted, however, to observe that many respected acquaintances who, when he left England, were content to patronise omnibuses and cabs, now ride in broughams; and that some have migrated from Bloomsbury to Bayswater, and are attended by domestics in plush. Some have gotten into Parliament and others have fallen in love, and a few are married, and one or two are gone into the *Gazette*. Which is the way of the world, generally.

But the changes. They seem to us multifarious. Scores of new hotels, more or less palatial, hundreds of new restaurants, an inundation of cartes de visite in the shop windows, a magnificent railway terminus at Charing-cross, new buildings in course of erection at almost every street corner, the view of St. Paul's from Ludgate-hill entirely spoilt by a hideous iron tube, the view of Northumberland House from Cockspur-street seriously vitiated by the Charing-cross terminus aforesaid, almost everything commercial converted into a Joint-stock Company (limited), and the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway everywhere. These and the Thames embankment, and a few omnibuses of novel construction, and greater blocks-up of the thoroughfares than ever, and the Banting system, and the total absence of original pieces from the theatres, are a few of the changes we have jotted down since our return to Babylon.

The lovers of "lengthened sweetness long drawn out" will be delighted to learn that her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to nominate and appoint his Highness Furzund Dilband Rasekhul Itgad Dowlut-i-Englishia Rajah Rajegan, Rajah Rundeer Sing Bahadoor of Kuppoorthalla, to be a Knight of the most exalted order of the Star of India. Thank you. Any more? We have not the honour to know his Highness; but, in the interests of elongated nomenclature, we thank him for his tremendous appellation. Poor Thomas William Henry Fortinbras Plantagenet de Strathbolgie Harrison is, we fear, deceased; so now, H. H. F. D. R. I. D.-i-E. R. R. R. Sing, Bahadoor of Kuppoorthalla, is probably without a rival in length of cognomen. Do you remember the story of the Spanish innkeeper and the benighted traveller? "Who is it?" asked mine host from his window, as he heard a thundering at the door. "It is," a voice replied, "Don José Maria Pepe Ramon Antonio Carlos Miguel Saavedra de Esquillo y Lermas y Garjojo y Silva y Torres y Sanchiz y Gonzales y Barandiaran y"——. "Stop, stop!" said the innkeeper, "you must go somewhere else. I haven't room for half of you."

Those who imagine when an author's name is not always before the public that the author himself is idle or invalided have, perhaps, wondered what has become, for some time past, of Mr. William Howard Russell, of Crimean, Indian, and American fame. People not versed in the secrets of the prison-house, or initiated to the mysteries of journalism, cannot, of course, be expected to know that, when a favourite writer is, seemingly, lying fallow, he is probably fagging sixteen hours a day to accomplish some long-meditated task. We have in any case a proof, this week, that Mr. Russell has not been resting too long on his oars; for Messrs. Tinsley Brothers have just republished, in an extended and amended form, the review of General Todleben's defence of Sebastopol, a portion of which appeared recently in the *Times*, and bore unmistakable evidence of the practised and appreciative pen of the famous "Special."

Of making of books there is, we know, no end; and very vile and stupid samples of bookmaking some of them are; but we may congratulate the public on a very great improvement which, to our thinking, has taken place during the last twelve months in two very popular departments of literature. Lord Sidney Godolphin Osborne has, it is true, written lately and lengthily to the *Times*, denouncing in the strongest language the general run of books for children. According to his Lordship, our little masters and misses are frightened out of their wits by tales of hobgoblin realism, illustrated in the most appalling manner, and relating the frightful tribulations undergone by Master Tommy because he stole jam and Miss Polly because she told fibs. There has been, perhaps, too much of this kind of thing lately, mostly framed on the German model. The Germans are very much addicted to mingling the ghastly with the grotesque, and excel in delineating what may be called the "quaintly cruel." But, if our remembrance serve us, our own childhood was not devoid of these terror-inspiring apologues. We were continually alarmed with stories of naughty little boys who were eaten up by she-bears; and we remember, in particular, a dreadful legend of a poor little fellow who was burnt to death, and who with his dying breath confessed that he had "played last night with Tommy, lighting straws." Somehow, these stories did not bring on paralysis or brain disease. The modern children's books are, in our judgment, written in a far healthier and kindlier tone, and we fear that the kindly S. G. O., carried away by indignation against such stories as "The Three Little Kittens who lost their Mittens," has overlooked the many cheery and charming books which now decorate the nursery library. Is "Precocious Piggy," sad as is the catastrophe, a cruel book? Are Mr. Bennett's "Stories that Little Breeches Told" deleterious to the juvenile mind? Of course, like those veteran amateurs who declare that we have had no good actors since the days of Bannister and Munden, we hold that the best stories that ever were written were those of our own nonage: "The Butterfly's Ball" and "Mr. Pillblister and Betsy his Sister," for instance; but it would be in the highest degree unjust to deny the taste, and skill, and purity, both of intention and execution, with which the majority of children's books are now produced.

While we are on the subject of the little folk, we have a word to say which takes us very far away from illustrated child literature. It is wholly germane to our topic, however, for S. G. O. has elaborately reopened the whole question of nursery education and nursery discipline. A few days since, the German governess of an infant-school was arraigned at a police court for beating a little girl, aged only five years, with a stick described as a "bannister-rail." The poor little thing had interfered to prevent her sister being shut up in a dark cupboard, whereupon the German governess seized her and beat her with undue severity; and, the case being brought home to the governess, she was deservedly fined five pounds. Still, we cannot agree with Mr. Selfe, the convicting magistrate, in his opinion that a child five years of age ought not to have a finger laid upon it. He would have been much nearer the mark had he said that a child *over* five years of age ought not, in a well-regulated school, to require much corporal correction. Again, the legal gentleman employed for the prosecution declared that to shut a disobedient child up in a dark closet was a "monstrous" punishment. We humbly submit that the legal gentleman had not a very definite notion of what he was talking about. A small private family may be managed without any punishment graver than a reprimand; but the discipline of a school must be preserved somehow, and in every school there is a certain proportion of mutinous and refractory children. The feeling of the age is against corporal punishment. The rod and the cane have been taken away from the schoolmistress. The great question now is how is she to dispense with punishment, or, in extreme cases, how is she to inflict it? You can't set a little girl five years old to learn a genealogy out of Genesis; you can't report her to the committee, or try her by court-martial, or fine her £5; and the legal gentleman tells us that to shut her up in a cupboard is "monstrous." The advisers of Silas Marner were, our readers will remember, of a different opinion when the question between shutting up Effie in the coal-hole and slapping her in soft and safe places was mooted. We venture to say that the tenderest mother, if her little child were guilty of an act of downright mutiny, would, in nine cases out of ten, proceed to administer a sound "spanking." But "spanking" is banished from schools; and we see this unlucky, blundering, perplexed German governess drifting from cupboard to corner, and at last losing her temper, and, in the heat of passion, thrashing the child with a stick which might have most seriously injured her.

MEMBERS OUT OF PARLIAMENT.

When the Prime Minister was known to be about to visit Bradford, a short while ago, it was understood that a moral demonstration of a very significant kind in favour of Parliamentary reform was to be made by the working classes of that borough. The affair did not take exactly the course which was predetermined; but the fact of such a proceeding having been conceived and, in a manner, organised was a proof that the question of the suffrage was under serious discussion in Bradford. It was, therefore, good tactics for certain gentlemen who, it seems, are desirous of taking the lead in a movement for the procuration of a new reform bill, formally to open their mission in that town. Nothing could have been more fitting, under the circumstances, than that Mr. W. E. Forster, a member for the borough, should preside at the meeting, and, personally, no one would have been more likely to acquit himself well in the function which he assumed. The position which Mr. Forster holds in the House is a distinguished one, and he always gives an idea of aptitude for administration. One fancies that the designation of "Right Honourable" is always floating like a halo about his head; and an effort of imagination might picture him—morally, of course—in the attitude of Cæsar when he was putting away the proffered crown. It needs but a little more precision in policy in any Liberal Government that may arise than characterises that which now exists to land Mr. Forster in that office on the verge of which he seems always to stand. It is rarely that a member succeeds so well as he does in standing fast by the utmost principles which he professes and yet delivers himself orally with so much tact and self-possession as to leave himself unshackled by over-strained professions and promises. There is no doubt whatever of his principles, but he does not commit himself to any special *modus operandi*. Even in his speech at the Bradford meeting, although the position he occupied was in itself a pledge towards the active carrying out of a political object, some of that quality of prudence and adherence to moderation of profession which has been alluded to is to be traced; and assuredly if the object which he was advocating be attained by such agency and instrumentality as he would advise and adopt, a safe and calm deliverance will have been achieved. In this Yorkshire political congress the West Riding only was represented; but it will be asserted that the flower of its Liberal members were there. The sturdy, downright, but slightly eccentric, political ideas of Sir Francis Crossley, who in politics occupies much such a position as Ajax did on the battle-field in the plains before Troy, were, as usual, slowly but dogmatically developed; there Mr. Baines was able to show to his clients who are not electors, for whom he pleads a £6 franchise, the icy logic and the acidulated eloquence with which he advocates their cause in the high council of the nation; and Mr. Stansfeld, free as air once more, was fain to utter those grand, rolling sentences, which seem to be delivered just as if he had recently risen from a long perusal of "The Rambler," so far as language is concerned; but which are nevertheless full of stern practical matter, and nervous with the inspiration of a mind bent on achieving the good and the advancement of those of his fellow-men whom he believes to be unpossessed of their natural and their civic rights. In the centre of the platform was a place where Sir John Ramsden—was not. In truth, it seems to have been discovered in the West Riding that Sir John, who in the earlier part of his Parliamentary career flamed out in all the factitious brilliancy of an aristocratic Radical, has relapsed into that Whiggery which is hereditary in him; and, as he is still young in years, if he persist in holding that political creed he may be useful in keeping alive for a term longer than would otherwise be the case a breed of politicans which is settling down to extinction. The leaders of the reform meeting on which we are observing have reason to congratulate themselves on having well used the opportunity afforded them for displaying their respective forces and characteristics; and if the movement which they inaugurated should spread, and in 1866 or so fructify into an extension of the suffrage, they will, in the flowing cups of those who hereafter celebrate a great political triumph, be freshly remembered as the bold pioneers of the achievement.

He that as a representative of the people desires a new sensation, let him become a member for Horsham. If Mr. Seymour Fitzgerald spake sooth the other day, here is the very paragon of disinterested constituencies. But one man there is so untrue to high principle as to condescend to ask his member, whether in or out of office, for any favour which is done at the public expense. The member for Horsham is the one member for whom the arrival of the postman with letters from the country has no matutinal terrors. For him has been reserved the privilege of having had but one answer to dictate, couched in that peculiar style which is to imply rather than to pronounce refusal; a special instance of want of practice in a kind of epistolary literature, from the enforced study of which probably no one of the other 655 legislators has been exempted. There are 396 out of the 397 electors out of this utopian borough who should be clad in white robes and caused to walk in procession round New Palace-yard once a year, amidst the enthusiastic plaudits of the whole House of Commons assembled to do them honour and reverence. According to Mr. Fitzgerald, he is to them, as it were, a sublime abstraction; for not only do they not ask him for anything, but they suffer him to keep away from them, and to avoid vouchsafing his bodily presence in their midst to any extent of time. They believe in him, as well they may, because few boroughs can boast a member who so assiduously and quietly learnt the business of Parliament and statesmanship until he felt ripe enough to take office; and thenceforward he has held a position in the house amongst the Opposition which is only second to that of Mr. Disraeli; and this we venture to say without in the least forgetting the existence of Lord Stanley; for Mr. Fitzgerald's party zeal is pure and simple, and by no means neutralised by that leaven of unconscious Liberalism which constitutes Lord Stanley's attitude in the centre of the Conservative ranks a singular anomaly. If the Horshamites do not see much of their member, they hear of him at times and in places which enable them to catch from him a reflected radiance; and they are more than content. Now, let it not be attributed to us as blame if we give way to a suspicion that perhaps, after all, the merit of the Horshamites is only negative. Descriptive geographers, in speaking of this place, only tell us that it is remarkable for its fine poultry. Beyond this, we know of no distinctive qualities of the inhabitants; and it is just possible that they do not stir up their faculties to the comprehension of men and things to any great extent, and belong to that artless class of beings who are so constituted as always to be prone to accept the unknown for the wonderful. To such a people there must be a world of quiet enjoyment in finding themselves vicariously famous, in the circumstance of a very rising—indeed, almost risen—statesman coming down and talking to the whole world through them in a large and elaborate disquisition on foreign policy. Any way, it is subject of congratulation to Mr. Fitzgerald that he has probably by his late speech earned a long period of relaxation from the petty cares of membership, and that his most faithful and truly virtuous constituents will leave him unmolested to the studies cognate to his official proclivities, and enable him, hereafter as heretofore, to beard Mr. Layard in a manner becoming an ex-Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs towards an in Under Secretary of that department.

Speaking, however, indirectly of one member for Southwark, naturally reminds one of the other, and bids us remember that Mr. Locke has been saying his say to his constituents. In a certain sense, and probably in fact and practice, Mr. Locke is a more fitting representative for Southwark than Mr. Layard. The latter has, by force of circumstances, been compelled to give to mankind, as it is included in diplomacy, all the energies which were meant for Southwark; whereas Mr. Locke, though in a quiet way he sidles into the wake of the Government, picking up a crumb or two of patronage which nobody misses, and which, in fact, he does not really want, except as an indication of respect for his statesman-like qualities, which, it is implied, might be brought into play if required, goes in for local work. Thus, as it happened that Mr. Layard had precedence of him in their annual addresses and talked to Europe rather than to Southwark, Mr. Locke wisely confined himself to the precincts of the borough and localised his ambition, making a great card of St. Thomas's Hospital, which, on his own showing, he has saved from going far into the country and has secured to Southwark by having had it placed in Lambeth. However difficult it is to see the exact sequence of this assertion, there are about it marks of the genius which is peculiar to those metropolitan members who are metropolitan members and nothing else.

CHURCH AND UNIVERSITIES.

The Judicial Committtee of Privy Council has under consideration the appeal of the Bishop of Natal against his deposition by the Bishop of Cape Town.

The Bishop of London's usual Tuesday levée at London House, St. James's-square, are discontinued until after the Christmas recess in consequence of the ordination examinations.

Batcombe Church, in the parish of Frome-Vauchurch, Dorset-shire, was reopened on Tuesday week, after a complete restoration which included the rebuilding of the chancel by the Rector, the Rev. S. Lane.

The annual meetings held at Reading in behalf of the funds of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts took place in the Townhall on Monday. The Bishop of Oxford, who presided at the morning meeting, gave the concluding address.

The Bishop of Oxford last Saturday consecrated a new church in the old Forest-road, called the Nine Mile Ride, running from Ascot to Finchampstead, and traversing the heaths and plantations between Wokingham and Wellington College, chiefly occupied by brickmakers and "broom-dashers." Captain and Mrs. Sawyer and Mr. Walter, M.P., have taken the lead in this good work, and headed the subscriptions with large sums.

Sibbertoft Church, Northamptonshire, was reopened on the 2nd inst. The restoration and enlargement of this church were provided for by the late Vicar, the Rev. Thos. James; and the last business in which he was engaged was the signing of the contract for its completion, according to the plans which he had perfected. The new works included an additional south aisle. We notice the following special contributions:—A roof to the north aisle, by the Hon. J. W. Villiers and Lady Elizabeth Villiers, in remembrance of the Rev. Thos. James; the font by the Hon. Mrs. Watson; the altar-cloth and hangings, with a bible and prayer-book, by the Misses James. The tiles throughout the church were laid after a design by the Rev. Lord Alwyne Compton.

Preferments and Appointments.—The Rev. M. F. F. Osborn, Rector of Kibworth Beauchamp, to be Rural Dean of Gartree. *Rectories:* Rev. J. Clifford, Incumbent of Chipping Sodbury, to Alderton, Gloucestershire; Rev. H. K. Creed to Chedburgh, Suffolk; Rev. W. V. Hennah to East Stoke, Dorset; Rev. W. Joynes to Merston, Kent; Rev. W. H. West to Cheddington, Dorset. *Vicarages:* Rev. A. Ashworth to Holme Cultram, Cumberland; Rev. D. C. Compton to Wroxton with Balscott, Banbury. *Incumbencies:* Rev. G. H. Fletcher to Laura Chapel, Bath; Rev. E. Greenhow to Nether Poppleton, Yorkshire; Rev. C. Haggard to Wandsworth, Surrey; Rev. Dr. Badcock to Stroud; Rev. R. Topham to the new district of Etruria, Staffordshire; Rev. F. W. Chorley to St. Luke's, Leeds. *Curacies:* Rev. G. Armitage to St. Paul's, Preston; Rev. S. R. Dingley to Halstock, Dorset; Rev. H. O. Francis to Holy Trinity, Weymouth; Rev. F. E. Freeman to South Hetton, Durham; Rev. J. Gabb to Bulmer, Yorkshire; Rev. W. H. Jemison to Burton-le-street, Yorkshire; Rev. E. E. Hadath to Wath-on-Dearne with Adwick-on-Dearne, York; Rev. W. E. Lock to Brandsby, Yorkshire; Rev. W. Neame to Banbury, Oxon; Rev. W. M. Hunnybun to North Kelsey, Lincolnshire; Rev. S. Sendall to East Acklam, Yorkshire; Rev. J. S. Thomlinson to Thorganby, Yorkshire; Rev. D. Turpin to Cheshunt, Herts; Rev. R. J. Wallace to Ravenhead, St. Helens, Lancashire; Rev. P. Willy, to Sedgeberrow, Worcestershire. Rev. G. Bennett to be Warden of St. Thomas's College and Chaplain to the Bishop of Colombo. Rev. G. J. Gwynne to be Precentor of Cloyne Cathedral, and to the Union of Lisgoold. Rev. G. P. Sutton to be H.M. Consular Chaplain at Corfu. Rev. F. W. Treslett to be Domestic Chaplain to Lord Waterpark.—*Guardian.*

The Universities and Public Schools.—St. John's College, Cambridge, has just received a noble benefaction for the encouragement of students in law. The late Mr. James M'Mahon, of the Inner Temple, bequeathed the whole of his estate, after the payment of certain legacies and annuities, for the establishment of scholarships in such manner and form as his executors might deem most advantageous. The sole acting executor of Mr. M'Mahon's will is Mr. Bros, of the Oxford Circuit, who, in the exercise of the discretion reposed in him, has settled the fund, amounting to £20,000, in his own college, under regulations carefully framed, with a view to the encouragement of the most meritorious graduates of the college who may be destined for the pursuit of the law, in either branch of the profession. The value of each studentship is £150 a year, and each is tenable for four years, or until election to a fellowship. Two studentships are already established, to one of which an election will take place in Michaelmas Term next, and to the second in the Michaelmas Term of the following year. Other studentships will be established on the falling in of annuities, and it is expected that eventually there will be one studentship vacant every year.——The Rev. R. Sinker, of Trinity, has gained the Hulsean Prize. The subject was "The Characteristic Differences between the Books of the New Testament and the immediately preceding Jewish and the immediately succeeding Christian Literature, considered as an Evidence of the Divine authority of the New Testament."

The associated societies of the Edinburgh University held a meeting on Thursday week, in the Societies' Hall College, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of honorary president, which is at present held by the Lord Advocate. The candidates proposed were the Duke of Argyll, Sir Archibald Alison, Dr. John Brownc, Lord Ardmillan, Professor Christian, and Dr. Samuel Warren. The election takes place on the 20th inst.

The *Cork Examiner* announces the death of Dr. Boole, professor of mathematics at the Queen's College, Cork.

Sir Gardner Wilkinson has presented his valuable collection of Egyptian and other antiquities to Harrow School, where he was educated.

Founders' Day was celebrated at the Charterhouse on Monday, when the annual sermon was preached by the Archbishop of Canterbury (one of the Governors), and the oration was delivered by the senior gown-boy, Mr. Gerald Davies, who is proceeding to Cambridge, having obtained a scholarship at Christ's College. About 100 old Carthusians afterwards sat down to dinner in the Great Hall—Archdeacon Hale in the chair. Among the guests present were the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Earl of Dalhousie, Mr. J. R. Kenyon, Q.C.; Mr. Hunter Rodwell, Q.C.; Mr. Harry Chester; Colonel Wilkinson, the Rev. J. Evans, the Rev. Dr. Currey, Mr. T. Collins, M.P.; the Rev. L. Dawson Damer. The oration, which was rewarded by a collection of nearly £120, glanced in rapid succession over the chief events of interest to the school during the year—the accession of a new Head Master, the election of Dr. Elwyn to the school at York, and the various successes obtained during the past year by Carthusians at Oxford and Cambridge—and dwelt in most touching terms on the recent deaths of three eminent Carthusians, all of whom were present at the last "Founders' Day"—Dr. Stone, a physician of eminence at the West End, William Makepeace Thackeray, and John Leach.

The annual distribution of prizes to the students of St. Mark's College, Chelsea, took place yesterday week under circumstances of unusual interest. The Rev. Derwent Coleridge, who is resigning his principalship of the college, took occasion to bid farewell to the students, the masters, and the congregation of the chapel, a great number of the latter being assembled in the college hall. The chair was taken by T. D. Acland, Esq., who delivered the prizes to the successful students, saying some kind words to each. The Bishop of London, in a few eloquent and touching words, expressed on behalf of the council the great loss which the college was sustaining in Mr. Coleridge, who would carry with him the goodwill and affection of every old student. He bade the students remember that they would bring a comfort and joy to Mr. Coleridge in his new post by following out in their future lives the good lessons he had taught them. The Rev. Derwent Coleridge then made an eloquent farewell address.

To the 26th of November, 20,817 applications had been received, and 18,035 volunteers enrolled in the Royal Naval Reserve.

The Ottoman Government has accepted the proposition, previously refused, for the appointment of a commission by the great Powers, to place the police of the Danube under international control.

There is reason to fear the loss, in St. George's Channel, of the Floating Light, from Bombay to Liverpool, with a cargo valued at £200,000, as a piece of carved wood bearing her name has been picked up, as well as portions of a cargo similar to her own.

A portrait-group of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and Prince Albert Victor on his mother's knee, in course of publication by Messrs. Moore, McQueen, and Co., deserves warm commendation for the accuracy of the portraiture and the delicate finish of the engraving. Another print, of like excellence, issued by the same firm, shows the Princess of Wales with the infant Prince in his cradle. Both engravings were executed by Mr. William Holl, from photographs taken by command by Mr. Vernon Heath.

On the night of the 17th inst. signals of distress were heard from the St. Nicholas lightship, the wind blowing fresh from the south at the time. The large life-boat stationed at Yarmouth, belonging to the National Life-boat Institution, was manned by beachmen belonging to all the companies, and proceeded off to a vessel on the Scroby Sands. They succeeded in getting her off; but, owing to the loss of her rudder, she again got on the sand, when the crew, consisting of thirteen men, with the pilot, were taken off with great difficulty, and brought safely ashore. The vessel proved to be the brig Zornica, of Lucine, 350 tons register, bound from London to Sunderland in ballast. She afterwards sunk. The sea was terrific, and one of the beachmen's yawls was damaged to such an extent that the men all left her and got into the life-boat. On this occasion, when no steam-tugs had previously been employed at the wreck, there was no hanging back on the part of the beachmen, but a noble ambition was shown by the men as to who should be first in the life-boat.——The Penmon (Anglesea) life-boat also went off on Sunday last and brought on shore the crews, consisting of five men, from the smacks Speedwell and Pearl, of Carnarvon, which were observed with signals of distress flying near the Dutchman's Bank, on the Anglesea coast, during a heavy gale from the south-west. The weather subsequently moderated, and the next morning the crews were again put on board their vessels, which had fortunately held together throughout the gale.

NATIONAL SPORTS.

ABSTRUSE arguments as to the Derby future, and statistics of the racing season, are now about the only staple of turf writers. The former are chiefly directed to the analysis of the Chesterfield and July finishes, and deductions therefrom in favour of The Duke; and the latter are based almost entirely on "Weatherby's Book Calendar" which furnishes much light reading for the ring during the winter recess. We find in its pages that 1788 races were run this year, as against 1668 last; that the number of bloodhorses which ran for flat races in the United Kingdom rose, between the years 1849 and 1860, from 1315 to 1717; and that the number has gradually crept up since then to 1948. Of these, 664 were two-year-olds. The colts and fillies registered progress steadily; and out of the 1539 this year 101 are already dead, which is about the usual proportion. The barren mares alone number 522. Leamington (28), Newminster (36), Rataplan (29), St. Albans (30), Stockwell (32), Thormanby (30), Trumpeter (23), Weatherbit (29), Wild Dayrell (29), and Young Melbourne (28) have a fine stock of foals to their credit; and Mr. Simpson has no less than 61 by Vedette and Promised Land. The first lot of Kettledrums number eight, all of them the property of Colonel Towneley or Mr. Eastwood. There are some very good names on the foal list; but "The Ringtail Screamer," "The Rotherfield Dandy," "Plausible Ginger," "The Jenny Ass," "Bread and Butter," and "The Hearse" are peculiar. The winnings of Blair Athol, plus his selling price, are calculated at £21,183; and such is now the prestige of the Spring Cottage stable, that backers can be found for Breadalbane at 11 to 1, and for his equally dark kinsman, Broomielaw, at 33 to 1. Mr. I'Anson has yet to accomplish the Hawley feat of winning the Two Thousand with one horse and the Derby with another, and it is, perhaps, now or never with him. This year he is at the head of the winning list, with £15,626, won by five animals alone; while Mr. Naylor has sunk from £18,185 to £3613, and Lord Stamford from £20,819 to £4088. It is said that Chatanooga is thrown up for a six weeks' vacation, and that John Osborne has become the owner of The Cure, who is about entering his twenty-fifth year, and whose stock has done the old trainer such yeoman service.

The Sudbury meeting brought out Glendower in very fine form for the Cup, which he divided with Beatrice Princess, by Canaradzo, the sire of Post Captain, the winner of the Vernon Stakes. This blood is in great force at present, as Coodareena ran up to Sea Belle for the Ridgway Cup; and Caller Ou and Cinoloa ran up and won at Diamor Open. The stock of Canaradzo's brother, Sea Foam, are also doing great things for Mr. Spinks. King Death, always a clever but not a brilliant dog, has been defeated at Bridekirk; and Mr. Campbell is said to have sold his black dog Calabaroono, who won the Waterloo Plate this year and the Lurgan Cup last month, for £200, and as much again if he wins at Waterloo.

The accounts from the hunting countries improve wonderfully, and the scarlets seem to be making the most of their opportunities before that great frost which is menaced by the weather-prophets and the sea-birds. George Beers is showing some grand, old-fashioned sport with the Bedale, and Mr. Lowndes's lady pack have had two capital runs—in one of which (45 min., without a check over grass) Lord Dacre's huntsman, "Bob" Ward, is said to have gone right away from his field, which had not a few good men in it. The Duke of Grafton's have had a most memorable fourteen miles from point to point; but we regret to hear that, owing to the illness of her Grace, the Duke has resolved to go abroad and sell his hunters at Tattersall's on the 9th of next month. Mr. Carnegie's small but picked stud were sold on Monday last at the old spot—whose lease of sporting life is nearly run. Five of them averaged 272 gs., the two others 107½ gs., and the young horse Nimrod was bought in at 125 gs. The best-looking one, The Robber (330 gs.), and First Flight (260 gs.) were purchased by Mr. Powell; and Courtier (300 gs.), said to be the crack of the stable, and Planet (270 gs.), for Lord Hopetown. The Captain will long be remembered as one of the straightest and best riders that the Harborough country has seen. The retirement of the Hon. Mr. Fitzwilliam from the M. F. H. list is not contradicted, and *on dit* that the Brighton harriers will most probably be given up at once, owing to a police manure difference between the farmers and the Brighton authorities.

THE FARM.

BLACK Scots and Southdowns once more head the great Christmas market; and Aberdeenshire and the country north of the Forth were never in greater force. Mr. M'Combie sent thirty of his very best to Mr. Giblett and Mr. Hoyland, and divided the remaining ten of his Christmas cracks between Liverpool and Edinburgh. He has now won the head prize for the blacks at the Smithfield Club for six years running, and never had so many in training. The first-prize yearling bull at Stirling has just joined this herd at a long price. Ten of the Tillyfour beasts were in the ill-fated Stanley, and among those which swam to the lighthouse and reached the shore. Beasts were hard to buy at the Forres market, and we heard of five two-year-old store polls fetching their £33 apiece. Its fat show was a great success as far as the outdoor business went, and 111 rare beasts were shown. Mr. Harris, of Earnhill, and his brother-in-law, Mr. R. M'Kessock, were the leading winners; and Sir A. G. Cumming, Bart., Mr. Mitchell, of Wester Alves; Mr. Ross, of Hill Head; Mr. Garden, of Netherton, &c., were also among the lucky ones. The best beast in the yard was the property of Mr. Harris, and bred, we believe, by Mr. Garland, of Ardlethen. The Smithfield Club Show produced about £6200 to the company, which is said to be a little below their receipts of last year. As regards stock, it has been a successful show; but now that feeding has become such a science, we hardly expected to see so many rough beasts sent up. Some in the female classes were so half prepared that their owners would never have shown them at all unless they looked on the hall (which is not destined to be adorned with Jonas Webb's statue) as a mere halfway house to the butcher. If there had been a species of "Hanging Committee," which has been hinted at, they would not have been allowed to cumber the stalls.

The appearance of the more well-favoured kine at Islington in connection with the shortness of provender in the country has even brought out that most venerable hack story of the little Princess and her plum-bun view of a famine, to do duty by way of illustration. The Melton wit, Lord Alvanley, rung the changes on it best, when, on learning from his groom that his corn merchant was obdurate and his confectioner long-suffering, he issued as his stable directions, "Give 'em biscuits."

We are glad to find that the truth of our last year's remarks, in connection with Messrs. Martin's ox, at Darlington, as to the Aberdeenshire "crossbreds" having "as much pure blood in them as nine-tenths of those which are entered as shorthorns in the English fat ranks," has now been specially indorsed by the agricultural press. We felt sure that we should be backed up as we have been on the point as soon as they had seen the roan. Still, he looked very different to what he did fifteen months ago, when he was ripening for Darlington. In fact, we quite dread again meeting the old store and stall friends of our Scottish summers, after they have gone through nearly 600 miles of jolting and shunting, and endured the poking and punching of Birmingham as well. We hear of no new herd arrivals of note, except of a roan bull-calf at Thorneyholme by Second Duke of Wetherby from Royal Butterfly's Pageant, the highest lot at the Towneley sale.

At the Smithfield Club meeting Mr. Duckham renewed, with his usual undying pluck, the general question of the date of calving, but great authorities were against it, both on the ground of the calf class at the Royal, and that September is a very nice month for calving, and no compromise was proposed. There was a beggarly attendance at the Club dinner, and there seems a good deal in Mr. Torr's suggestion, that it should merge into a champagne lunch after the annual meeting.

The report of the Royal Agricultural Society shows a sum total of 6013 members, and sixteen new ones, including the Marquis of Normanby and Sir J. Sebright, were elected at the council. Fifty-four defaulters, principally from death or bankruptcy, must be subtracted from the above. Still, considering the relative size of the countries, the numbers will not bear comparison with those of the Highland Society, which throws out its fibres in a most wonderful way. With a view to the Plymouth show, land for the trial of drills, manure distributors, mowing, haymaking, and reaping machines, and horse-rakes, has already been placed under the necessary cultivation. Prizes amounting to £440 will be offered for these classes of implements, and £2815 for stock. Mr. J. C. Morton made an admirable speech at the general meeting, reminding the society of their duties as regards agricultural education, which would seem to have been rather lost of in their devotion to the above two cardinal points.

Besides the lamented death of Mr. Fowler, who was cut off under forty, and in the very zenith of his reputation, we have to record those of two well-known octogenarians. One of them, Mr. John Rogerson, was famed in 1803 for his big Sotby bullocks and successful drilling experiments, and then he went up to London and founded, with his late brother Joseph, the *Mark Lane Express*. The other, Mr. W. H. Davis, had for many years past painted nearly all the leading prizetakers in the cattle, sheep, and pig world. They had been lifelong friends, and both of them died in the Smithfield week.

The Rattlesnake, twin-screw steamer, made a trial-trip on the Thames on Saturday last, and her performance was in every way as satisfactory as that of her sister ship had been.

Pietro Balgetti Valsecchi, an artist well known to the collector and to the artist, died recently in Milan. He obtained great reputation for his paintings upon enamel and upon glass.

The elections in the Danubian Principalities have taken place, and have everywhere been favourable to the Government. The Chamber is to be opened on the 18th inst.

The Lords of the Treasury have issued a minute directing that Monday, the 26th instant, shall be observed as a holiday at the Customs, the Inland Revenue Office, the Post Office, and generally in all places that are under Government control. They have also given notice to the Bank of England to pay all bills accepted by the Paymaster-General on the 24th if they are presented for payment on that day, but at the same time they are obliged to add that if they are presented on the 26th they must be then paid. The day cannot therefore be observed as a universal holiday at the Bank of England, and the same reasons will operate with regard to all other banks.

MONETARY TRANSACTIONS OF THE WEEK.

(From our City Correspondent.)

HOME STOCKS, owing, in some measure, to the continuous shipments of gold to Egypt, have fluctuated to some extent this week. Nevertheless, the quotations may be considered steady, although the purchases of stock have been very moderate. There has been rather more doing in the Unfunded Debt, at full prices.

On Thursday the Directors of the Bank of England reduced their minimum rate of discount to 6 per cent. The weekly return is favourable, the bullion having increased to the extent of £242,017.

The demand for accommodation at the Bank of England has been very moderate. In the open market the supply of capital is ample, and the best commercial bills are discounted as follow:—

Thirty days' bills	5¾ per cent.	Four months'	6¼ per cent.
Sixty days'	5¾ ,,	Six months'	6¾ 7 ,,
Three months'	6 ,,		

The Bank of Frankfort has reduced its quotation for money to 5 per cent. The rates in the leading Continental cities are:—

	Bank rate per cent.	Open market per cent.		Bank rate per cent.	Open market per cent.
Paris	5	5	Turin	6	6
Vienna	6	6	Brussels	6	6
Berlin	7	7	Madrid	9	10
Frankfort	5	5	Hamburg	6	4½
Amsterdam	6½	6½	St. Petersburg ..	6½	8½

A new loan for Monte Video of £1,000,000 in 6 per cent bonds of £100 each has been announced. The actual amount required for each bond is £60.

The steamer for the East has taken out £378,530 in bullion. Several parcels of gold have been sent into the Bank of England; but over £300,000 has been withdrawn for Egypt. The total imports of the precious metals have rather exceeded £400,000. Mexican dollars have sold slowly, at 60⅞d. per ounce.

The dividend of the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China is at the rate of 10 per cent per annum.

Home Stocks were very inactive on Monday. Consols, for Money, left off at 89 to 89¼; Ditto, for Account, 89¾ ½; Reduced and New Three per Cents, 88¼ ⅜; Bank Stock, 237 to 239; India Stock, 218 to 221; Ditto, New, 102½; India Bonds, par to 5s. prem.; Exchequer Bills, 6s. to 1s. discount. On Tuesday Consols, for Transfer, closed at 89⅛ ¼; Ditto, for Time, 89½ ⅝; Bank Stock, 237 to 239; Reduced and New Three per Cents, 88¼ ⅜; India Five per Cents, 88¾ ⅞; Ditto Bonds, par to 5s. prem.; Exchequer Bills, 6s. to 1s. dis. The transactions on the following day were limited, yet prices ruled tolerably firm. Consols, for Money, were 89¼ ⅜; Ditto, for Account, 89⅜ ½; Reduced and New Three per Cents, 88⅜ ½; India Five per Cents, 103¾ to 102¾; Ditto Four per Cents, 93½; Ditto, Bonds, par to 5s. prem.; Exchequer Bills, 6s. to 1s. dis. India Five-and-a-Half per Cent Rupee Paper was 109; Bank Stock, 237 to 239. On Thursday prices improved ⅛ per cent, Consols, for Money, being quoted at 89⅜ ex div.; and for Account, at 89½ ⅝ ex. div. Reduced and New Three per Cents sold at 88½ ⅝; Exchequer Bills, 6s. to 1s. dis.; and India Five per Cents, 102¾ 103.

American Securities have moved off slowly, at about last week's prices. Illinois Central, 50½.

The principal feature in the Foreign House is an improved demand for the Confederate Loan, at 61 to 63. Most other Foreign Securities have been flat, and, in some instances, prices have slightly declined. The scrip of the new Egyptian Loan has marked ¼ to 1 prem. Brazilian Four-and-a-Half per Cents have realised 83¾ ex div.; Egyptian Seven per Cents, 93¼; Ditto, 1864, 95; Mexican Three per Cents, 29½; Ditto, 1862, 27¼; Portuguese Three per Cents, 47¼; Russian Five per Cents, 1862, 87½; Ditto, 1864, 88½; Spanish Three per Cents, 48½; Ditto, Deferred, 41⅞; Ditto, Passive, 31½; Ditto, Certificates, 14; Turkish Old Six per Cents, 88; Ditto, 1862, 71½; Dutch Four per Cents, 97¼; and Italian Five per Cents, 65.

The market for Joint-stock Bank Shares has ruled inactive. Agra and Masterman's have sold at 130; Alliance, 37½; Australasia, 69½; Bank of London, 157; Bank of New Zealand, 16½; Chartered of India, Australia, and China, 34½; Colonial, 43; English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered, 20½; European, 8½; Hindustan, China, and Japan, 29½; Imperial, 34; Imperial Ottoman, 17; Land Mortgage of India, 4¾; London and Brazilian, 45½; London and County, 78½; London Joint-stock, 49; Ditto, New, 36½; London and South African, 22½; London and Westminster, 97½; Scinde, Punjaub, and Delhi, 10½; Union of Australia, 54½; and Union of London, 55½.

In Colonial Government Securities very few transactions have taken place. Canada Six per Cents have been done at 99; Mauritius Six per Cents, 106½; New Zealand Six per Cents, 50½; Queensland Six per Cents, 104½; and Victoria Six per Cents, 106½.

The Miscellaneous Market has been rather quiet. Berlin Waterworks, 8⅞; Canada Company, 63; Crédit Foncier and Mobilier of England, 8¼; Crystal Palace Debentures, 113; Egyptian Commercial and Trading, 5½; English and Australian Copper, 1¾; Financial Corporation, ⅞; Fore-street Warehouse, 9¾; General Credit, 6¾; Hudson's Bay, 16¾; International Financial, 24¼; Ditto, New, 23½; London General Omnibus, 3; National Discount, 15¾; Ocean Marine, 26; Peninsular and Oriental Steam, 80½; Ditto, New, 51; Scottish Australian Investment, 124; South Australian Land, 32; Upper Assam Tea, 6½.

The business doing in the Railway Share Market has been only moderate. Prices, however, may be considered steady. Annexed are Thursday's official closing quotations:—

Ordinary Shares and Stocks.—Caledonian, 131⅞; Great Eastern, 48½; Great Northern, 135; Ditto, A Stock, 156½; Great Southern and Western, 79; Ditto, West Midland—Oxford, 59; Lancashire and Yorkshire, 116⅞; London and Brighton, 105½; London, Chatham, and Dover, 37½; London and North-Western, 120½; London and South-Western, 97½; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 66½; Metropolitan, 121½; Midland, 138½; North-Eastern—Berwick, 114; Ditto, Leeds, 73; Ditto, York, 104; North Staffordshire, 80; Scottish North-Eastern—Aberdeen Stock, 42; South Devon, 44; South-Eastern, 85½.

British Possessions.—Atlantic and St. Lawrence, 59; Bombay, Baroda, and Central India, 103½; East Indian, 104½; Great Indian Peninsula, 101½; Great Southern of India, 101½; Madras, 103½; Scinde—Punjaub, 103.

Foreign.—Antwerp and Rotterdam, 9⅞; Bahia and San Francisco, 14½; Great Luxembourg, 12; Ottoman, 10½; San Paulo, 14; Ditto, 18½.

The return of the Bank of England for the week ending Dec. 14 shows the following results when compared with the preceding statement:—

A decrease of circulation of	£448,294	An increase of bullion of	£242,017
An increase of public deposits of ..	693,175	An increase of rest of..............	11,359
A decrease of other deposits of	399,290	An increase of reserve of	745,512
A decrease of securities of	425,066		

The total circulation is £19,069,832. Public deposits amount to £7,161,719; and private deposits to £12,257,474. Securities are £28,301,098; and the stock of bullion is £14,122,711.

THE MARKETS.

CORN EXCHANGE, Dec. 12.—Only a limited supply of English wheat was on sale here to-day, yet the demand ruled heavy, and inferior samples declined 1s. per quarter. The show of foreign wheat was moderately extensive, and sales progressed slowly, at barely late rates. We had a dull inquiry for barley, at, in some instances, 1s. per quarter less money. New malt was firm in price, but old parcels were much neglected. There was a fair demand for oats, and prices were well supported. Beans ruled heavy, but not cheaper. In peas very little was doing, and the rates had a drooping tendency. The flour trade was in a sluggish state.

Dec. 14.—The transactions in all kinds of produce to-day were very limited, but, compared with Monday, no change took place in the quotations.

English.—Wheat, Essex and Kent, red, 35s. to 39s.; ditto, white, 39s. to 45s.; Norfolk and Suffolk, red, 34s., to 39s.; rye, 33s. to 35s.; grinding barley, 23s. to 26s.; distilling ditto, 24s. to 27s.; malting ditto, 29s. to 35s.; Lincoln and Norfolk malt, 60s. to 63s.; brown ditto, 50s. to 52s.; Kingston and Ware, 59s. to 62s.; chevalier, 61s. to 63s.; Yorkshire and Lincolnshire feed oats, 19s. to 22s.; potato ditto, 22s. to 27s.; Youghal and Cork, black, 18s. to 22s.; ditto, white, 19s. to 23s.; tick beans, 34s. to 37s.; grey peas, 33s. to 36s.; maple, 36s. to 38s.; white, 36s. to 39s.; boilers, 35s. to 38s. per quarter. Town-made flour, 36s. to 40s.; seconds, 32s. to 35s.; country marks, 29s. to 34s. per 280 lb.; French, 31s. to 33s. per sack; American, 19s. to 26s. per barrel.

Arrivals this Week.—English and Scotch: Wheat, 770; barley, 2220; malt, 490; oats, 10; flour, 1420. Irish: Oats, 1950. Foreign: Wheat, 5920; barley, 7250; oats, 34,510; flour, 50 sacks.

Seeds.—There is less doing in linseed and rapeseed; prices, however, are supported. All other seeds are dull. Cakes rule the turn lower.

Linseed, English, sowing, 60s. to 69s.; Calcutta, 59s. to 60s.; hempseed, 42s. to 45s. per quarter; coriander, 20s. to 24s. per cwt.; brown mustard seed, 11s. to 13s.; white ditto, 9s. to 10s.; tares, 8s. 6d. to 9s. 6d. per bushel; English rapeseed, 70s. to 76s. per quarter; linseed cakes, English, £10 to £11 5s.; ditto, foreign, £9 10s. to £11 5s.; rape cakes, £5 10s. to £6 5s. per ton; canary, 48s. to 54s. per quarter; red clover seed, 46s. to 74s.; white ditto, 46s. to 73s. per cwt.

Bread.—The prices of wheaten bread in the metropolis are from 6½d. to 7d.; of household ditto, 5d. to 6d. per 4 lb. loaf.

Imperial Weekly Averages.—Wheat, 38s. 4d.; barley, 29s. 8d.; oats, 19s. 10d.; rye, 26s. 7d.; beans, 37s. 2d.; peas, 34s. 11d.

The Six Weeks' Averages.—Wheat, 38s. 8d.; barley, 29s. 6d.; oats, 19s. 11d.; rye, 30s. 11d.; beans, 37s. 7d.; peas, 32s. 2d.

English Grain Sold Last Week.—Wheat, 96,245; barley, 105,620; oats, 8791; rye, 42; beans, 4248; peas, 1935 quarters.

Tea.—There is only a moderate business doing in all kinds. Prices, however, are mostly supported.

Sugar.—The market has become firmer, but we have no improvement to notice in value. Refined goods are selling at 43s. per cwt. for common brown lumps. Stock, 111,863 tons, against 74,639 tons last year.

Coffee.—Prices rule about stationary, but the demand is by no means active. Stock, 10,567 tons, against 10,219 tons.

Rice.—The market is flat; nevertheless, prices are supported. Stock, 35,459 tons, against 45,371 tons.

Provisions.—There is only a limited inquiry for butter, yet holders are firm. The best Friesland is selling at 124s. to 128s. per cwt. Hams and bacon sell freely, at full prices. Bladdered lard is quoted at 54s. to 64s. per cwt. Other provisions are a dull inquiry.

Tallow.—There is a moderate business doing in P.Y.C., on the spot, at 43s. 9d. per cwt. Stock, 62,374 casks, against 70,191 ditto last year. Rough fat, 2s. 1d. per 8 lb.

Oils.—Linseed oil moves off slowly, at £33 5s. per ton. Rape is offering at £42 to £45 10s.; coconnut, £36 to £37; and fine palm, £36. French turpentine, 62s. 6d. per cwt.

Spirits.—Rum is held at full prices; but the demand for it is by no means active. Brandy and grain spirits rule about stationary.

Hay and Straw.—Meadow hay, £1 4s. to £5 5s.; clover, £5 5s. to £6 6s.; and straw, £1 4s. to £1 10s. per load.

Coals.—Wall's End, 21s. 6d. to 22s. 6d.; Hartley's, 14s. 6d. to 19s.; Holywell and Wylam, 18s. 6d. per ton.

Hops.—There is less doing in our market. Prices, however, are supported. The finest samples are worth 200s. per cwt.

Wool.—The public sales have gone off steadily. Privately, very little is doing.

Potatoes.—The supplies are moderate, and the demand is steady, at from 75s. to 120s. per ton.

Metropolitan Cattle Market (Thursday, Dec. 15).—Our market, to-day, was seasonably well supplied with beasts, both as to number and quality. All breeds sold freely, and Monday's prices were well supported. A few very superior Scots realised 6s.; but the general top price was 5s. 10d. per 8 lb. The show of sheep was very moderate. Sales progressed steadily, at full quotations. The best Downs and half-breds produced 6s. per 8 lb. There were a few lambs in the pens; but they commanded scarcely any attention. Calves were in fair average supply and steady request, at Monday's prices—viz., from 4s. 4d. to 5s. 6d. per 8 lb. Pigs were rather dearer; but milch cows were very dull.

Per 8 lb. to sink the offal:—Coarse and inferior beasts, 3s. 10d. to 4s. 6d.; second quality ditto, 4s. 8d. to 5s. 2d.; prime large oxen, 5s. 4d. to 5s. 8d.; prime Scots, &c., 5s. 8d. to 5s. 10d.; coarse and inferior sheep, 4s. 0d. to 4s. 8d.; second quality ditto, 4s. 10d. to 5s. 2d.; prime coarse-woolled sheep, 5s. 4d. to 5s. 8d.; prime Southdown ditto, 5s. 10d. to 6s. 0d.; large coarse calves, 4s. 4d. to 5s. 0d.; prime small ditto, 5s. 2d. to 5s. 6d.; large hogs, 3s. 6d. to 4s. 4d.; neat small porkers, 4s. 6d. to 5s. 0d.; suckling calves, 18s. to 23s.; and quarter-old store pigs, 21s. to 26s. each. Total supply: Beasts, 3200; cows, 120; sheep, 4690; calves, 340; pigs, 720. Foreign: Beasts, 770; sheep, 980; calves, 310.

Newgate and Leadenhall.—Beef, from 3s. 0d. to 4s. 10d.; mutton, 3s. 10d. to 5s. 0d.; veal, 4s. 0d. to 4s. 10d.; pork, 3s. 8d. to 5s. 2d. per 8 lb. by the carcass.

ROBERT HERBERT.

THE LONDON GAZETTE.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13.

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WINNERS OF THE SILVER CUPS AND THE GOLD MEDAL AT THE SMITHFIELD CLUB.

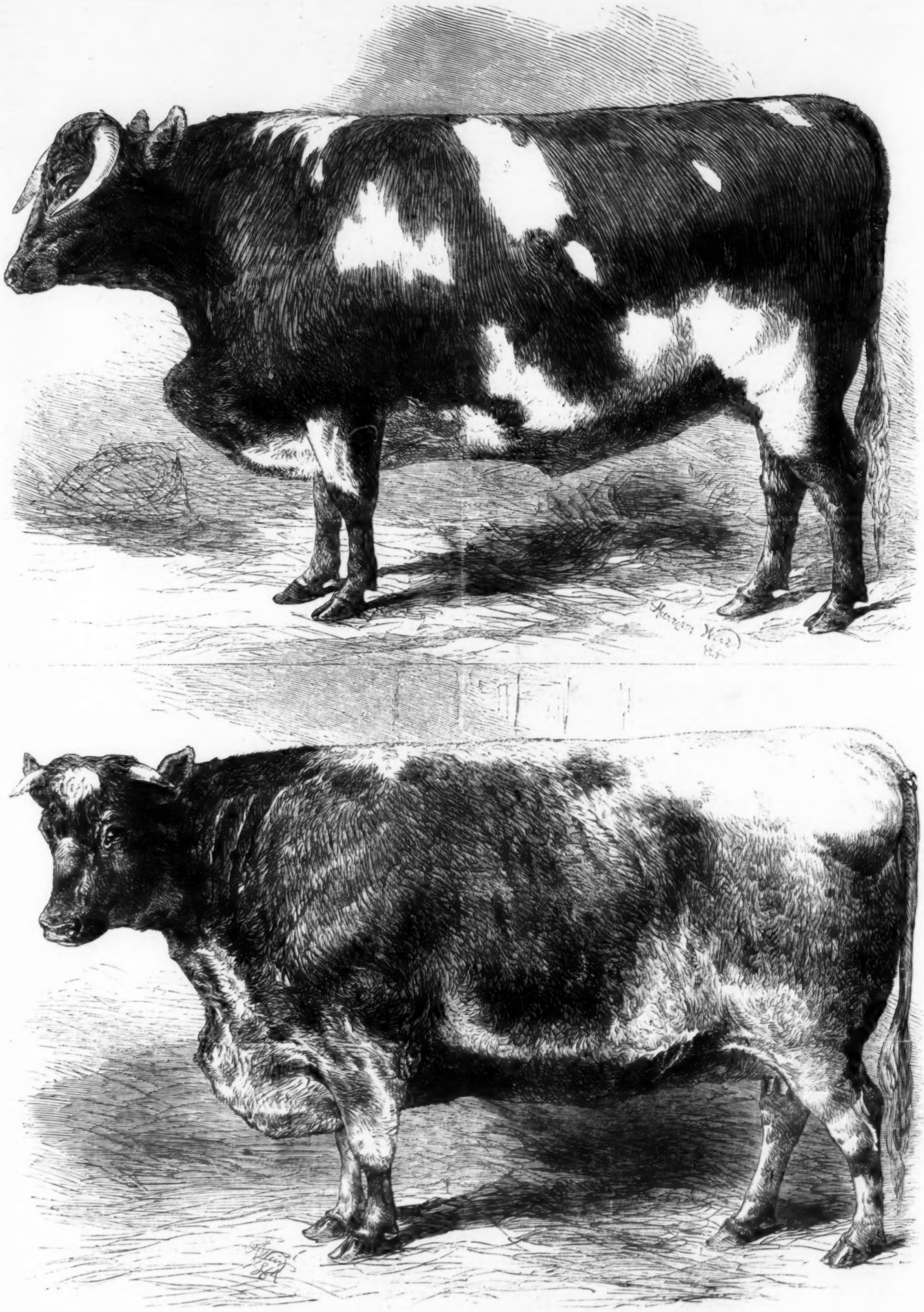
WHILE the new class for steers under 2½ years acts as a stimulus to early maturity, its inevitable result will be slightly to weaken the older classes in years to come. Connoisseurs may well part with regret from such a handsome young steer as Mr. Kirkham's and wish to have seen him again next Christmas. The extraordinary price, £70 ("beef at sixteen-pence a pound," as an eminent grazier observed), which has been paid for him, at thirty months, leaves the humble "pound a month" hopelessly in the rear; and we would fain hope against hope that it would indicate that he is not yet intended for the block, but to train on for another twelve months. Englishmen are, however, not so dashing, in this way, as the Aberdonians, who supply their lack of racehorses with "racing-bullocks." This capital red and white was bred by Mr. Luke Harrison, of Donington-on-Bain, near Louth, and is of Mr. Dixon of Caistor's blood. The late Mr. Jonas Webb's double success in '62—viz., selling his Southdown flock at such an immense price and then winning the shorthorn-bull gold medal at Battersea with a calf—has quite found a parallel, this year, in the success of Mr. Kirkham; first, in his memorable Biscathorpe ram-letting; and, secondly, in winning the Smithfield silver cup for the best ox or steer in the yard!

We have seldom known a decision which was so unanimously indorsed as that which gave the silver cup for the best cow or heifer to Mr. Richard Taylor's roan shorthorn, Trinket. This very wealthy and symmetrical heifer is nearly 3¾ years old, and comes from a winning sort, as her sire, Amorous, is half-brother to the late Mr. Marjoribanks's Whipper-in, the first-prize yearling bull at Battersea. She was not shown at Birmingham; and the Duke of Sutherland's Claret, the first-prize heifer of the Midlands, was second to her in her class at Islington. She was bred by her owner at Kingham, near Chipping Norton, a district not a little famous for good Bates and Knightley shorthorns.

If Norfolk, as a county, was not in its '63 luck, Mr. John Overman of Burnham Sutton, was, as usual, "on the spot" with his silver cup combination of Southdown and Leicester wethers. Thanks to his success, this cross is becoming quite fashionable, as six out of the twelve entries in the class were so bred, and the rest were a combination of the Cotswold with Kentish sheep, or Hampshire with Oxford Downs. Of Cotswold and Southdown—the "Disraelites" or "Angel's Food," as they are termed, and "execrable mutton," according to Earl Chichester's friend, who bred them—there was not one specimen.

"Barley meal, skim milk, and sugar" had played a noble part by Mr. John Saunders's seven months and eleven days' pigs, which took the gold medal as the best pen in the yard. This is not the first time that this prize has gone to the neighbourhood of Blandford, as the Hammoon records can testify. It is worthy of note that these gold medallists are the only ones that have tasted "sugar" out of the whole seventy-three pig entries; but they have set a fashion which pig fanciers will not be slow to follow another year.

PRIZE ANIMALS AT THE SMITHFIELD CLUB CATTLE SHOW.



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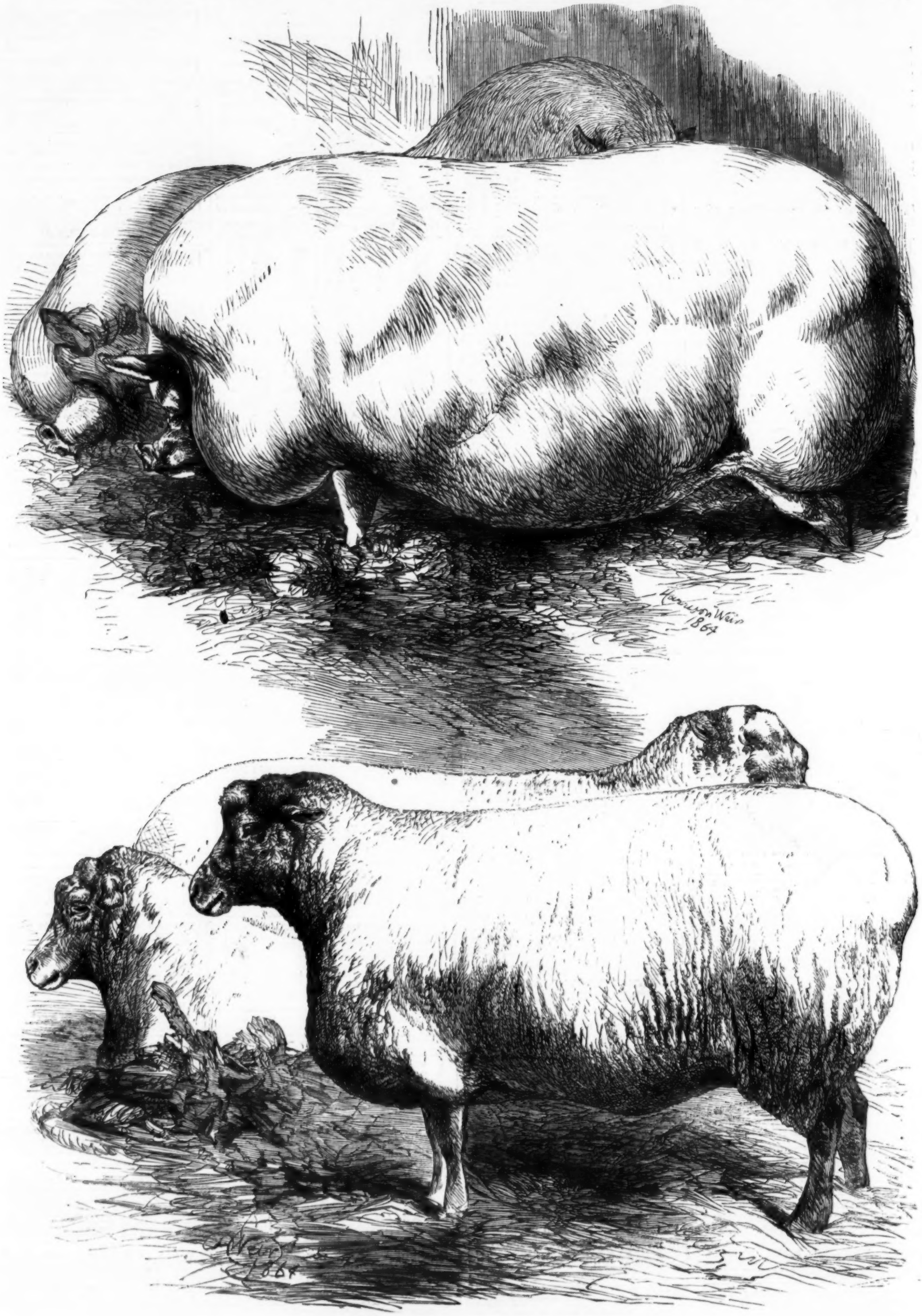

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THE RAJAH OF KAPOORTHALLA,

KNIGHT OF THE STAR OF INDIA.

THE Rajah Randhir Singh, of Kapoorthalla, is one of the Princes of the Punjaub whom Sir John Lawrence, Governor-General of India, has rewarded above all his peers and fellow-countrymen for his loyal services to Queen Victoria in lending aid to suppress the mutiny and rebellion of 1857. At the grand durbar, or assembly, which took place at Lahore on the 17th of October (and of which we intend to give some further Illustrations), the Rajah was solemnly invested by Sir John Lawrence with the order of the Star of India, having already received from the Government of Lord Canning, we believe, some more substantial tokens of approval, including the grant of an estate valued at £40,000 a year. It is agreed, however, that no man in all India has better deserved these favours at the hands of the English rulers of that vast empire; for it was he who, in the darkest days of its late trouble, when other native chieftains were hesitating or hostile, joined our cause with heart and soul, and, raising 2000 Sikhs as an auxiliary force, marched down to Oude, where he fought bravely during the campaign. Sir John Lawrence, who was then Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjaub, had the best opportunities of appreciating the value of this example. On this occasion the Governor-General addressed him as follows:—

"Rajah Randhir Singh, Rajah of Kapoorthalla,—It is with much satisfaction that I find myself empowered by her most gracious Majesty the Queen of England to confer on you so great a mark of her Royal favour as that of the Star of British India. This honour has only been granted to those princes and chiefs who unite high rank with great personal merit. It rejoices me to instal you among this chosen number.

"Your grandfather, Sirdar Futteh Singh, was a chief of considerable renown. He was the well-known leader of the Aloowalia Confederacy and the companion in arms of the great Maharajah Runjeet Singh. Your father, Rajah Nihal Singh, was an old friend of mine when you were yet a youth. When he passed away, your Highness succeeded to his duties and his responsibilities, and have worthily discharged them. When the mutiny of 1857 broke out, you were one of the foremost chiefs of this country to do your duty and range yourself on the side of the British Government. After the fall of Delhi your Highness headed your troops, conducted them to Oude, and there assisted in recovering that province. For these services you received at the time much praise and liberal rewards; and now, to crown all, you are about to obtain a most signal mark of honour from her Majesty the Queen of England and India. In the name, then, of the Queen, and by her Majesty's commands, I now invest you with the honourable insignia of the Star of India, of which most exalted order her Majesty has been graciously pleased to appoint you to be a Knight.

"I have addressed you in Hindostanee, in order that the princes and chiefs now present may the more readily participate in this ceremony and that your relatives and friends may be more highly gratified; otherwise I should have spoken in English, for I know that you thoroughly understand my language. This circumstance no doubt has operated as a bond of union between your Highness and my countrymen."

The Rajah made his acknowledgments in due form. He was dressed (says the *Lahore Chronicle*) in better taste than any other chief at the durbar, simply in white, with blue paejamas; and he wore the blue ribbon of his order.

THE RAJAH OF KAPOORTHALLA, KNIGHT OF THE ORDER OF THE STAR OF INDIA.

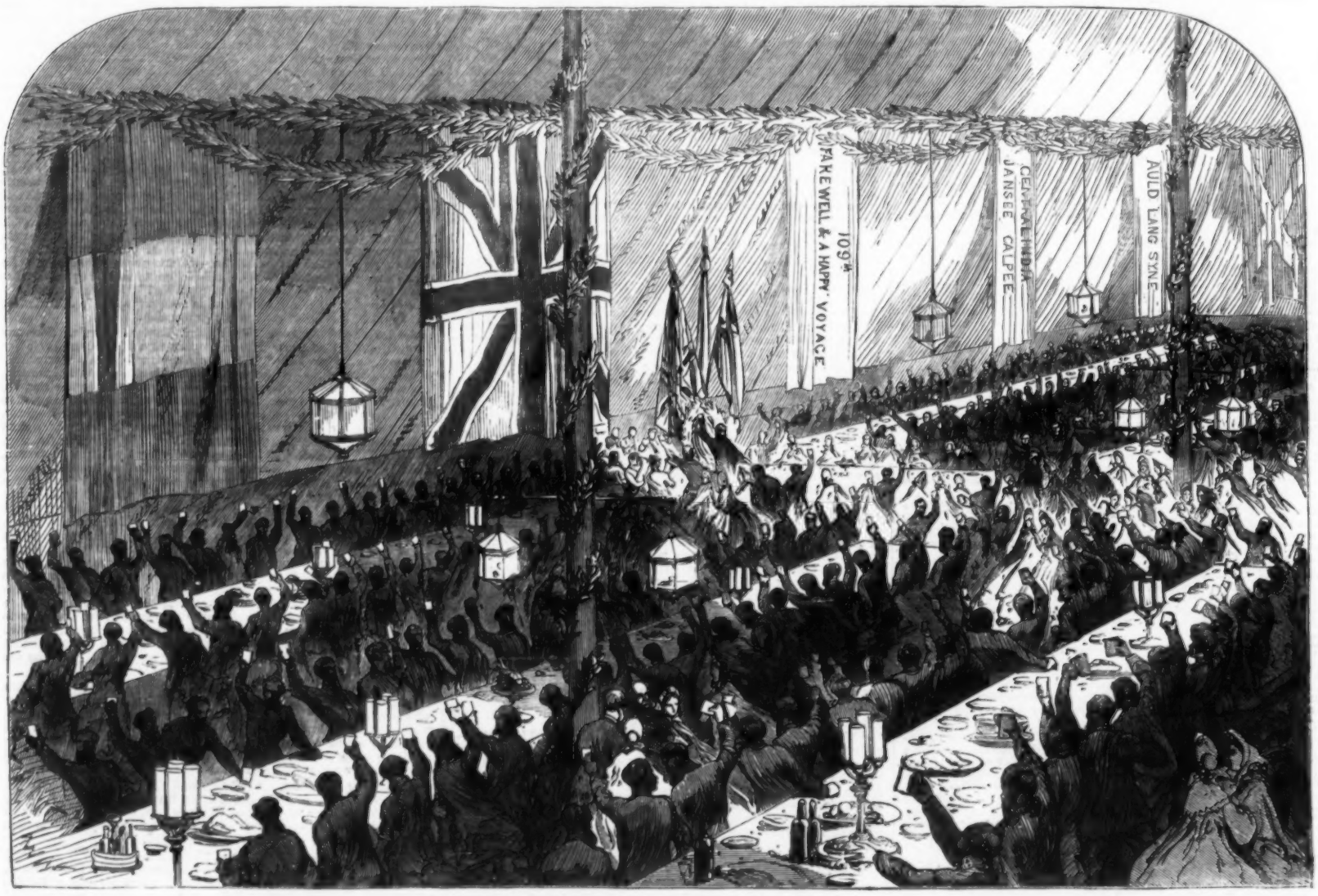
ENTERTAINMENT TO THE 109TH REGIMENT AT KURRACHEE.

THE departure of her Majesty's 109th Regiment of the Line from Kurrachee to Aden, in the regular course of relief, took place about the first week in November, when the European residents of Kurrachee gave a farewell entertainment to that gallant corps. The scheme, we hear, originated in Government House, and was taken up warmly throughout the city. Large funds were subscribed in a very short time, and the whole regiment, including the women and children, were invited to dinner. Two long rows of tents, opening one into the other, were pitched, beautifully decorated and lighted for the occasion, her Majesty's 23rd Native Light Infantry paying the pretty compliment of sending their band to entertain their comrades in arms. Some nine hundred persons sat down to the repast provided, which was of the most substantial kind, while the hospitable folks of Kurrachee, both ladies and gentlemen, moved along the ranges of tables to see that their guests were properly served. Cheer after cheer greeted the Divisional Staff and the favourite officers of the corps as they were recognised by the men. The repast over, many of the officers were shouldered and carried over the ground, showing how much they are beloved by the soldiers. There was a magnificent display of fireworks, and then all the women of the corps, with such of the men as desired to join in the amusement, adjourned to the library of the regiment, which had been fitted up for dancing. Here all were as happy as happy could be; no distinctions were made, the field officer was seen gallantly attending the recruit's wife, while the private sentinel led the lady of his captain through the mazes of the quadrille. We have engraved a sketch of the scene in the banqueting-tents. This entertainment took place on Saturday, Nov. 5, and the first party embarked in the Coromandel on the following Monday, for conveyance to Aden.

AUSTRALIA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

MELBOURNE, Oct. 26.—Australian weather is one of those exceptional features in the world's cosmical history which entirely upsets the approved London talk of the signs of the day or night. No one under the thirty-sixth parallel of south latitude remarks to his flabby and dripping friend that "it is a hot day:" the heat pervades all space, and sits on our shoulders like a giant. Per contra, when it comes on to rain, it does rain; and when to blow, it does blow. The only resemblance I can remember to the cannonade of the gale on Friday week last is the crash of a full battery of 32-pounders discharged right at the ear. The next morning the outlying quarters of Sandridge, St. Kilda, and Emerald Hill, three of the seven eminences which make our only resemblance to Ancient Rome, were, as usual, separated from the nominal Melbourne by a few square miles of pond and torrent, which in London in January would set up the whole fraternity of skaters. It is a curious thing that all Australian rivers which bring down an extra aqueous supply from their water-sheds are almost invariably narrow, winding, and



FAREWELL BANQUET TO THE 109TH REGIMENT AT KURRACHEE.

deep; and the Yarra, which more resembles the Lea than any English or other stream that I have seen, has a power of sending down a fresh-water ocean which is really astonishing. We are getting heartily tired, however, of these invasions; and our Government has at last taken in hand a plan which is to give us dry fields and wet docks for something less than three-quarters of a million sterling—a sum which Lombard-street, to judge by last accounts, may be chary of lending us, but which on five per cent income tax would show to be available at a week's call, and a dozen more to boot. Meanwhile, the faith in Saxby is deep and universal. The rush after his calendar is a chronic repetition of that ever-memorable day when Murphy so successfully predicted the freezing of the Thames, and so signally failed afterwards. If the Lieutenant came out here he would have an ovation not second to Garibaldi, for an Australian can afford to leave Italy in chains for a few years more or less; but it is a matter of vital importance to him to have an inkling as to the rivers being 2 ft. deep or 12 ft., and the roads passable or a quagmire. We are a go-ahead people, enough almost to astonish the Yankees; but if you would know what rain does to our roads you must go to Macaulay about England two centuries ago.

We have been busy with the elections for the new Parliament during the past few weeks. The Ministry have so managed their programme and their proceedings as to secure, so far, a decided majority; but the majority will prove something like a rope of sand when the occasion for its services arises. At sixes and sevens amongst themselves on some of the most important questions now before the public—one member being for protection another for free trade, and so on—when Parliament meets the fear is that the real business of the country will be retarded through the want of properly matured practical measures on the part of the Government. To give them credit, they are as respectable, able, and honest a set of gentlemen as an extremely limited political community can produce; and it is to be hoped, for the sake of the country, which suffers more from the lack of good legislation than from anything else—stump orators' statements to the contrary notwithstanding—that they will be shown that forbearance and receive that support which may, perchance, result in wiser and better laws.

That the country is in a healthy condition is shown by the revenue-tables, recently published, for the year and quarter ending the 30th of September last. The three months ending the above date show, as compared with the same period of the preceding year, an increase of £128,025; the nine months, a like comparative increase of £223,332; and the twelve months, as compared with the twelve months ending the 30th of September, 1863, an increase of £151,929. As compared with the estimate for the year, as prepared by the Treasurer, the nine months show a deficiency of £149,108. This, however, is satisfactorily accounted for. In the land revenue alone we find a falling off of £100,553, caused by the determination of the Ministry not to force auction sales of the best agricultural lands. Then, as yet, there have been no water rates accounted for, and the proportion of revenue due for the nine months from this source is £18,750, which will be received at a later period of the year. There is also a decrease in the railway income, as compared with the estimate, of £51,694; but, if this be not altogether made up during the current three months, the railway officials are confident that, with the wool traffic and the increased returns arising from the opening of the Echuca Extension, it will be very greatly reduced. Thus, as, with the exception of the falling off in the land fund, the present deficiency in the net receipts, as compared with the estimated revenue, is only £48,854, there is every probability that, with the exception mentioned, the Treasurer, at the close of the year, will find that his estimate has been actually below the real revenue receipts.

The anti-transportation movement is prosecuted as vigorously as ever, and nearly every candidate for Parliamentary honours makes it a feature in his address. Expiree convicts are being returned to England, and the society which exists for that purpose is doing its business quietly, but effectually. Mr. Edward Wilson, the leading spirit in the movement, returns to Europe by the outgoing mail. The community will miss his valuable services; but there is little fear of his abandoning the work he has taken in hand, which can probably, at its present stage, be better promoted at home than in the colonies.

By the ship Monarch, which sailed for London on the 22nd inst., was dispatched the bridal gift of the people of Victoria to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales. The present assumed the shape of a flower-vase, of beautiful design, exquisite workmanship, and of the choicest materials which the colony could produce.

The news from Sydney is uninteresting. Parliament was opened, on the 18th inst., by the Governor, Sir John Young. An amendment to the address was moved by Mr. Cowper, expressive of a want of confidence in the Ministry. In the course of the debate, which is still pending, disclosures were made which, if substantiated, will seriously damage the Government. Should the Ministry be defeated, it is probable that they will advise a dissolution of the Assembly. It is questionable whether even the throwing overboard the offending member, who has been forced to resign, will tide them over the storm.

Tenders are invited for completing the Southern Railway to Goulburn.

The bushrangers continue to do a little in their peculiar line of business. The notorious Morgan and his gang are still at large—the police, apparently, being quite unable to capture the desperadoes.

Business in Queensland has been dull during the month. The wool season, however, was about to commence, when greater activity was expected. The Colonial Treasurer, Mr. Lacy Moffat, died recently, much regretted by politicians of all shades of opinion. The railway from Ipswich to Dalby is being proceeded with rapidly, a large portion of the plant having already arrived. Steps have been taken for the erection of new Houses of Legislature, one design, the carrying out of which will cost £35,000, having been recommended for adoption.

The German journals announce the death of Prince Frederic of Anhalt-Dessau, younger brother of the reigning Duke Leopold. The deceased was born in 1799.

The Federal Assembly have elected M. Schenck, of Berne, by a large majority, president of the Swiss Confederation for 1865, and M. Knusel, of Lucerne, vice-president.

Captain Howling, of the Stanley, recently wrecked off Tynemouth, has been acquitted, and declared entitled to renewal of certificate. The court considered the absence of leading lights, and other circumstances over which he had no control, led to the catastrophe.

The Grand Duke of Baden has conferred on the King of Italy and on Prince Humbert the insignia of the Supreme Order of Fidelity, which were delivered by Baron de Schweitzer, the Grand Duke's Minister at the Court of Turin. The King had already sent his Order of the Annunciation to the Sovereign of Baden.

A correspondent of the *Times*, complaining of the manner in which the telegraphic service between India and England, viâ Italy, is conducted, gives the following specimen of a message as transmitted:—"Thro following giving and deare Servie giving and clewie ware coming to the trial master come his presence indispensable no other oath but te would avail against."

The largest church in the American States, St. Paul's and St. Peter's Cathedral at Philadelphia, was consecrated on the 26th ult. It has been the work of eighteen years' labour, and has cost nearly 500,000 dols. Three archbishops, ten bishops, the mitred Abbot of St. Vincent's at Latrobe, and more than 200 priests entered the cathedral during the processional chant. The ceremonies were attended by about 8000 people.

The Queen has appointed Charles Livingstone, Esq., her Majesty's Consul at Fernando Po, to be also her Majesty's Consul in the territories on the Western Coast of Africa comprised within the Bight of Biafra and lying between Cape Formosa and Cape St. John. Her Majesty has approved of M. Armand Ramsiger as Consul at Brisbane for the King of Prussia, and of Mr. George Tudor Pemberton as Consul at Quebec for the Free Hanseatic city of Hamburg.

The *Glaneur du Gard* relates an instance of daring in a boy ten years old, at Nismes, worthy, it declares, of a Spartan. Notwithstanding the prohibition of his parents, he frequently ascends to the summit of the amphitheatre to take the nests of the bats by which the old Roman edifice is peopled. The height of this building is so great that to look down from the top is sufficient to render the spectator giddy. Three days back, the father perceived his son at his favourite pursuit on the topmost crest of the ruins, and, hurrying up to the place, he seized the boy by the leg, and, holding him out in the open space, cried out, "Will you promise me never to do it again?" The boy coolly replied, "Lower me a little more, father; I can see a whole brood of bats in a hole below. Let me take them this time."

FINE ARTS.

THE NEW PROCESS FOR RESTORING PAINTINGS.

Some weeks ago we described the surprising effect on several of the pictures in the National Gallery of the application by Mr. Wornum of the Pettenkofer process of reviving paintings. We announced also that a report, containing an explanation of the process, was in preparation by Sir Charles Eastlake for presentation to Parliament. Those who would obtain an elucidation of the mystery need not, however, wait for this report. The process, having been registered, has been described and published at an almost nominal price at the Patent Office, Southampton-buildings, Holborn.

The method of restoring pictures which has been so singularly successful in certain cases, and the operation of which was represented, and that truly, to be wholly unlike any known system of picture cleaning and restoration, proves, like many valuable inventions and discoveries, to be to the last degree simple and apparently obvious. We offer a few remarks—partly derived from the specification—sufficient, we trust, to give a general notion of the character of, and mode of employing, this valuable discovery. The specification begins by stating that the process renovates the surface but does not endanger the original state of the picture. The deteriorating change which comes over varnished oil paintings after the lapse of years is represented to arise, in nearly every case, entirely from physical influences, not chemical changes. In the course of time the molecules of certain constituent materials cease to cohere. The change begins on the surface of the varnish with microscopic fissures, and these continue to penetrate even through the successive coats of colour to the very priming of the picture. The air of course enters the fissures, and as the disintegration advances the light is no longer directly reflected, but is more or less absorbed or diffused in a thousand refractions; thus transparency is lost, as in ground or powdered glass, or oil intimately mixed with air. The best method of re-uniting the separated particles has been found by Professor Pettenkofer to be by means of the vapour of alcohol. The picture or pictures are placed in a closed case or bath, the air in which is impregnated with the fumes of alcohol under ordinary temperature and without application of heat. All the resinous (but not the oleaginous) particles of the picture absorb the alcohol until they are saturated; but no further action ensues. The very small quantity of alcohol that has been absorbed is said to evaporate speedily when the painting is returned to the ordinary atmosphere, and the surface remains as clear and brilliant as when first varnished. By the absorption of the alcohol the separated molecules recover their cohesion, and the original optical effect is restored without the picture being touched, but solely by a subtle self-action. A grand recommendation of the process is its simple, self-acting principle; and it is this general and new principle itself—not any particular method of applying it—which has been patented. Like most chemical patents, we suppose, its provisions will be evaded. It dispenses with all the injurious abrasions, and scrapings, and very dangerous solvents of the picture-cleaner. After the preceding explanation the innocuous character of the process cannot be doubted; and when to this assurance is added an examination of those pictures in the National Gallery (a few of which we have already mentioned) which seem actually restored to their pristine condition, it can hardly be supposed that anyone whose wealth constitutes him a not irresponsible trustee of the reputation of the great dead of old, will in future trust his inestimable treasures in the hands of the too-often pretentious and ignorant quacks who undertake to doctor pictures.

We have already intimated that the alcohol takes effect only on resinous particles—i.e., those particles which form varnishes of all kinds—but not on desiccated oils. It is obvious, therefore, that the process can affect only the superimposed varnish of such pictures as are painted simply in oil. It is also plain that its operation must be more or less limited even on the external varnish of those pictures (there are, unfortunately, many in the National Gallery) which have received an oil varnish—that is to say, the resinous solution of which was immixed with (fixed) oil. But from these facts, as it appears to us, some very mistaken inferences have been drawn. A writer in the *Athenæum*, for instance, shares a notion too common among the public, and of which people should be disabused—namely, that all old pictures were painted in what is called "pure oil," and that all the misfortunes which have happened to modern pictures have arisen from the use of messes, called "meguilps." Now, meguilps are simply oil vehicles containing resin; mastic is commonly understood. And it is beyond all question that instead of simple oil being used by all the old painters, a vast proportion employed a vehicle (for the actual painting of their pictures) analogous to meguilp and containing some kind of resinous ingredient, or, what is the same thing, varnish. Let anyone doubting this consult Sir Charles Eastlake's "Materials for a History of Oil Painting," and he will see that, from the probable use of amber by the Van Eyks down to the present day, some distinguishing technical characteristics of the Netherlandish schools and all the great painters of those schools are in great measure referable to the immixture of dissolved resins of some kind in the media they painted with. Many of the Italian painters also used resinous ingredients, but more sparingly, owing to the greater drying (and therefore thickening) influence of the climate on their vehicles.

From, it would seem, want of acquaintance with these facts, conclusions have been drawn exactly the opposite of those which we feel should be deduced from the action of Professor Pettenkofer's process. It has been supposed that because they are painted in oil the old pictures cannot be touched by the fumes, but only their coats of varnish; and, on the contrary, because they are actually painted with a certain proportion of varnish, or "meguilp," the modern pictures, when they shall require renovation, may suffer. For our part, we do not apprehend the slightest danger as possible from any action of the alcohol on the comparatively small proportion of resin held in the media used in any picture, especially when hardened by age. Yet the suspicion might suggest itself that if the saturation were not arrested (as it can be) or did not cease of itself (as it does) at a proper point the thin glazings and scumblings of the picture might flow into each other. On the other hand, if the process took effect on the picture at all, and did so without the consequences mentioned, it might reasonably be expected that it would have a freshening effect similar to that produced by what artists call "oiling out;" and that it would, in fact, restore the picture itself to its first state, saving those colours actually changed or fled. However, we need not pursue the question of how far the process may, under certain circumstances, take effect on the picture itself; though, from the surprising nature of the effects already obtained, we are disposed to think that it will be found to be extremely searching. But, be this as it may, all apprehension of danger under any circumstances, or that may be not under control, seems, from many considerations besides those already hinted, to be wholly and entirely groundless. That they are so as regards all old pictures, though not painted in "pure oil," is evident from the present condition of Rembrandt's "Jew" and "Woman taken in Adultery," and Teniers' "Misers," in our National Gallery—all three pictures, beyond doubt, painted with a meguilp or oleo-resinous vehicle, otherwise the touch would not be so crisp and the impasto so rich. And the process has been tested with success on other pictures in Trafalgar-square by painters so diverse in their technical methods as Titian and Rembrandt, Teniers and Giorgione, Both and Bourdon, the Poussins and Sebastian del Piombo, Leonardo da Vinci (or Luini) and Guido, Salvator Rosa and Bronzino.

"My First Sermon" and "My Second Sermon," by Mr. Millais—perhaps the most universally talked-of of any pictures at the Royal Academy in the successive years in which they were exhibited, and both the subjects of pleasant, not to say jocular, remarks at the annual dinner in Trafalgar-square by no less a personage than the Archbishop of Canterbury—are, for the first time, we believe, exhibited together at Messrs. Moore, M'Queen, and Co.'s, Fenchurch-street.

Three prizes have been awarded to contributors to the Winter Exhibition, at 120, Pall-mall. The first—£100 for the best figure-picture—was given, as stated last week, to the picture by Mr. Orchardson, which we engraved; the second—£50 for the best landscape—was awarded to Mr. H. W. B. Davis, for his brilliant and delicately painted picture of "Morning on the Salaises of Boulogne." A third extra prize of £50 was given by the promoter of the exhibition to Mr. Morgan for his picture, "Raising a Church Rate."

CURRENT LITERATURE.

George and Robert Stephenson. By Samuel Smiles. (1 vol. Murray.) *Brindley and Early Engineers.* By Ditto. (Ditto). Twin volumes about illustrious men of kindred pursuits. The name of Mr. Smiles affixed to both assures to the reader of either all the mental enjoyment which can be derived from the story of the lives of men who have overcome difficulties and benefited mankind; for Mr. Smiles employs so easy and captivating a style that he makes even dry details interesting, and succeeds in the difficult task of mingling the pleasant with the useful. The former of the two volumes is a revised edition of the author's well-known "Life of George Stephenson," together with a supplemental memoir of Robert Stephenson. For, though many facts relative to Robert Stephenson were necessarily recorded in the "Life of George Stephenson," many were necessarily omitted during Robert's lifetime, but are now faithfully set forth. It is as well to remark that in consequence of the personal supervision vouchsafed by Mr. Robert Stephenson to Mr. Smiles's "Life of George Stephenson," and whereas Mr. Robert Stephenson "supplied the necessary particulars relating to himself," Mr. Smiles's book may be considered more than usually trustworthy. The latter of the two volumes is "abridged from 'Lives of the Engineers,'" and has, in addition to the intrinsic merits of the larger work, the extrinsic advantages of being more compact in form and cheaper in price.

The American Angler's Book. By Thad. Norris. (1 vol. Sampson Low, Son, and Co.) An American book on angling is a novelty, and yet America has "thousands of brooks, creeks, rivers, lakes, bays, and inlets" which "abound in game-fish." The author, moreover, seems to be well acquainted with and an enthusiastic lover of the sport which he has made the subject of his pen, and we do not, therefore, fear a charge of rashness when we assert that his portly, well illustrated volume is likely to be welcome. He is both grave and gay, both business-like and playful, mingling the humorous with the scientific, after the cheery manner of most "jolly fishermen."

Tasso's Jerusalem Delivered. By John Kingston James, Kt., M.A. (2 vols. Longmans.) Tasso's great work, in English dress, is here enshrined in two little volumes as elegant, as sightly, and as carefully arranged as heart and eye can desire. Sir John anticipates in his preface certain objections which might be urged against his rhymes, &c., and gives a tolerably satisfactory reason why he has not adopted as his metre "the more finished numbers of the original octave;" little, therefore, remains to be said except that he deserves credit for his attempt, and that his attempt seems to us to have resulted in that mixture of success and unsuccess which appears to attend the efforts of nearly all translators.

Broken to Harness. By Edmund Yates. (3 vols. John Maxwell and Co.) No agreement has hitherto been entered upon as to the guise in which angels shall appear in literature. Mr. Pickwick, notwithstanding his gaiters and his spectacles, was pronounced to be an angel; and it seems no bolder an idea to bestow angelical attributes upon a "pretty horsebreaker." And be it observed that the term is not here used in the sense in which it has been applied to "Anonyma," the nameless, shameless Amazon, whose personal charms and whose skilful horsemanship have been said to render nugatory the schemes of matchmaking "Belgravian mothers;" for Kate Mellon, though she was pretty, was more chaste than Diana; and, though she broke horses, did not break them that she might entrap admirers, but simply that she might gain an honest livelihood. If it be necessary that an angel should be grammatical and lady-like, poor Kate was certainly somewhat "lower than the angels;" and, if a feeling of revenge for slighted love be incompatible with angelic nature, then Kate was merely a woman of women; but, if a few breaches of grammar, and a few breaches of manners, and an inclination to take vengeance may be overlooked, then Kate Mellon was an excellent angel—for a novel. She is the most interesting person in the tale, and her character is well conceived and well portrayed. Her profession seems to have suggested to the author his title, which has reference to a story of wedded life, wherein a loving but haughty wife, who has married a husband beneath her in social position is gradually trained to "go easily in harness." Nor is the author's least triumph the skilful intermixture of literal and figurative "horsebreaking." He writes with great ease and considerable power; his descriptions are singularly truthful; his incidents are many and interesting, and he has produced a work which will be read with great content and attention almost from beginning to end. We have said *almost*, because the slang of his Government clerks, the Bohemianism of his literary and other more prominent characters, and the general worldliness of his tone, true to life as they may be and probably are, will be either unintelligible or distasteful to that numerous class of novel-readers who know little of life beyond the domestic circle. It was, no doubt, a mere slip when Mr. Yates wrote (p. 16, vol i.) an "*invite*," meaning an "invitation," but it offends both eye and ear, and is, unless we greatly err, one of those odious Americanisms which Englishmen are constantly protesting against and yet constantly adopting.

Old World and Young World. By John Heiton, of Darnick Tower, F.R.S.S.A. (1 vol. Edinburgh: William P. Nimmo.) The author describes his work as "light and fugitive hits against the results of modern civilisation;" and the description is fair enough. He appears to be a "praiser of time past," and the fatal course which, in his opinion, is pursued by us of the "Young World" may be discovered by anybody who can make head or tail out of the following "fishy" admonition:—"Keep in mind that we are going straight into the Maelstrom mouth of the whale of tribulation, to be cast up in Paradise unscathed by the gastric juice of original sin!" We have read of a vale (Gampico, "wale") of tribulation; but a "whale" of tribulation is a figure of speech beyond our comprehension.

John Godfrey's Fortunes. By Bayard Taylor. (3 vols. Sampson Low, Son, and Marston.) Picture to yourself a little lawn in front of a cottage on Staten Island, U.S. On the verandah, in an arm-chair of Indian cane, sits a restless man, by his side sits a beautiful woman, and on the green turf before them two children, brother and sister, are playing. The restless man, the beautiful woman, and the two sportive children are Mr. John Godfrey, his wife, and their son and daughter. "Bell," says Mr. Godfrey to his wife, "I want a task which shall require a volume; can't you give me a subject?" Quoth Mrs. Godfrey, "Why not tell the story of your own life?" "I will," is the answer, and the three volumes before us are supposed to be the consequence. The story is expected to be interesting and profitable, "because the honest confession of a young man's fluctuating faith, his vanity and impatience, his struggle with temptations of the intellect and the senses, and the workings of that Providence which humbles, sobers, and instructs him, can never be without interest and profit to his fellow-men." The author writes plainly, boldly, sensibly, and powerfully; his narrative increases in interest as it proceeds; he gives an insight into details of American life which have not yet become so familiar as to be wearisome; and if there be no great novelty in his subject—the struggles of a literary adventurer—and if we fail to discern any characteristics which would seem certain or likely to lead John Godfrey on to fortune, we are nevertheless disinclined to quarrel with a representation of life which is full of encouragement to that large portion of literary (and unliterary) mankind who are neither geniuses nor heroes—neither fools nor knaves.

Chronicles of Carlingford: the Perpetual Curate. By the author of "Salem Chapel." (3 vols. William Blackwood and Sons.) Those who have not read "Salem Chapel" are hereby recommended to read "The Perpetual Curate," and those who have read the former will probably need no recommendation to read the latter. Let these few words be sufficient eulogy of a work, to point out the excellences of which would require more space than it is convenient to allow.

The Temple Anecdotes. By Ralph and Chandos Temple. (1 vol. Groombridge and Sons.) There is little here which is new, but very much which is, or rather nothing which is not, worth reading. It is a compilation from histories of invention and discovery, of inventors and discoverers, and is liberally illustrated.

A Century of Anecdote. By John Timbs, F.S.A. (2 vols. Bentley.) Mr. Timbs has added yet another to his numerous books full of useful, interesting, and amusing information. He has here given us anecdotes of political, literary, clerical, legal, and eccentric life, and has filled two volumes with just that sort of reading which helps to beguile a rainy time or an odd half hour. Nor would it be right if we omitted

to mention that several portraits adorn his pages—portraits of men with whose features one likes to be familiar.

Lays of the Pious Minstrels. Edited and re-arranged by Henry Wright. (1 vol. Houlston and Wright.) This excellent collection of hymns has been improved externally and re-arranged internally, and will prove, in its present form, a sightly and agreeable companion for all whom the poetry of pious bards is wont to soothe, to elevate, and to strengthen.

Poems. By the Rev. W. J. Underwood, B.A. (1 vol. Hailsham: Breads.) The poems are divided into two parts—the first, entitled "Voices from the Flower and Field;" the second, "Life Studies and other Poems"—the first apparently inspired by observations of external nature; the second, apparently, by experience of men, or by reading, or by philosophical speculation. The author has struck some pleasant chords, has painted some natural scenes, and has coloured them with a skilful hand.

The Handbook of Dining; or, Corpulency and Leanness Scientifically Considered. (Longmans.) That famous treatise on the philosophy of dainty dishes, entitled "La Physiologie du Goût," by the witty French epicure Brillat Savarin, who uttered and swallowed so many good things in his time, is here served up again for English readers. Mr. L. P. Simpson, the translator and editor, has selected those portions of the work which seem most likely to be useful, in regard to the choice of wholesome and palatable food, with reference especially to the late controversies provoked by Mr. Banting's pamphlet. The lively humour of Brillat Savarin, as well as the good sense and propriety of his instructions, will recommend this little handbook to those who have known him as yet only by name. We do not, indeed, agree with all his opinions; but he is a pleasant fellow and has a most agreeable manner of laying down the dietary law.

The Victoria Cross. (O'Byrne Brothers). This little volume contains a complete history of the Order of Valour, beginning with the Royal warrant, issued in January, 1856, instituting the order; and passing thence to an account of its inauguration by her Majesty on the 26th of June, 1857. To this succeeds a narrative of the deeds of valour performed by the members of the order during the Crimean and Baltic campaigns, the India mutinies, and the Persia, China, and New Zealand wars. The two services will be sure to welcome this roll of honour; and many of the general public will, no doubt, be glad to have at hand, in a compact form, a memorial of the heroic deeds of the knights of this new order of chivalry.

OBITUARY OF EMINENT PERSONS.

THE EARL OF CARLISLE, K.G.

The illustrious house of Howard has given to this country many graceful samples of nobility, and none more graceful than the good Earl who forms the subject of this notice. He was a happy combination of the statesman, orator, courtier, and scholar. His life, too, was so pure and amiable that his whole career presents a uniform brilliancy of worth, without one shade upon it. Sir George William Frederick Howard, K.G., P.C., seventh Earl of Carlisle, Viscount Howard of Morpeth, Northumberland, Baron Dacre of Gilleskand, senior coheir of Clifford, and coheir to a moiety of the barony of Greystock, was the eldest son of George, sixth Earl of Carlisle, K.G., by his wife, Georgiana, elder daughter and eventual coheir of William, fifth Duke of Devonshire, and was grandson of Frederick, fifth Earl, K.G., a poet of merit, and, in 1780, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. The Earl whose death we record was born April 18, 1802, and in his youth distinguished himself at Eton College. From Eton he went to Christ Church, Oxford; and, in 1821, obtained the Newdegate prize for English verse (the subject being "Pæstum"), and also the Chancellor's medal for Latin verse (the subject being "Eleusis"). In 1823 he graduated as a first classman in classics, and proceeded M.A. in 1827. In 1825, on his father's succession to the earldom of Carlisle, he became Viscount Morpeth, with which title his earlier political career is familiary associated. In 1826 he was returned to Parliament for the borough of Morpeth, and that seat he retained till 1830. In 1830 he was elected for the West Riding of Yorkshire, which he represented uninterruptedly till 1841, when, from some momentary displeasure of his constituents, he lost his seat. He, however, bore their wrath so blandly and addressed them so eloquently that much regret ensued, and they gladly re-elected him in 1846. From April, 1835, to September, 1841, Lord Morpeth was Chief Secretary for Ireland at a difficult period, when O'Connell was at the zenith of his power and agitation; yet his Lordship contrived to assuage the troubled waters and to make himself popular; he also earned lasting credit by the establishment of the poor law in Ireland. In July, 1846, he was made Chief Commissioner of Woods and Forests, and held the office till 1850. He succeeded his father, as seventh Earl of Carlisle, Oct. 7, 1848. In March, 1850, he was appointed Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and retained that post till the accession of Lord Derby's Ministry to office in 1852. During his temporary suspension from the representation of the West Riding the Earl of Carlisle had travelled in America and had written a most interesting account of his tour. When out of office, in 1853, he went a journey into the East, which he recorded in a work entitled "A Diary in Turkish and Greek Waters." He was named Lord Lieutenant of the East Riding in 1847, was elected Lord Rector of the Aberdeen University in 1853, and was created a Knight of the Garter in 1855. In that year he became, for the first time, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and he commenced that constant career of popularity without example among bygone Viceroys, and only approached by the excellent Viceroys his immediate cotemporaries. A change of the Government, in 1858, removed him for a year from the viceroyalty, when it was held by the generous and lamented Earl of Eglinton. Lord Carlisle returned to Ireland as Lord Lieutenant, for the second time, in 1859, and held his high office till the summer of the present year, when ill-health compelled him to resign it most reluctantly, for he had so gained the affection of the Irish people and so reciprocated it that his very heart seemed to be in his government. He had won golden opinions from all sorts of people, for everyone felt that he was honest to the backbone, and that he laboured but for the peace and prosperity of Ireland. His departure from that country was a scene of sorrow, and when the steamer bore him from the shore there was scarcely a dry eye at the parting. The Earl stood, deeply affected, on the deck, and so long as the land he had loved and ruled so well was in sight he waved his hand in recognition of the friends he left behind him. His Lordship retired to his ancestral seat of Castle Howard, in Yorkshire, and, after a protracted illness, died there on the 5th inst., lamented deeply by the public both of England and Ireland, and by his relatives and his host of friends, with all of whom to know him was to love him. The Earl of Carlisle, like many people who are almost too good-natured, had scarcely full justice rendered to his sterling ability; but those who knew him intimately were convinced of his great powers of mind and judgment, and this was on one occasion manfully and generously acknowledged to, and impressed upon, the House of Commons by his political opponent, Mr. Disraeli. The Earl was certainly a living answer to the levelling assertion that aristocracy cannot accord and amalgamate with the people. Of blood the purest and connection the highest in the realm, there was a fascination about this peer which told with all, and he never failed to win welcome and affection whether in the palace or the houses of the middle classes, or even the cottages of his tenantry, which it was his frequent wont and pleasure to visit familiarly. His nobility lay as much in his nature as his rank. The noble Earl, who was never married, is succeeded by his next surviving brother, the Hon. and Rev. William George Howard, of Christ Church, Oxford, Rector of Londesborough, Yorkshire, and now eighth Earl of Carlisle, who was born, Feb. 23, 1808, and has held his rectory since 1832. As his Lordship is unmarried, the heirship presumptive to the title passes to his next brother, Admiral the Hon. Edward Granville George Howard, R.N., who, born in 1809, married, in 1842, Diana, only daughter of the Hon. George Ponsonby and granddaughter of William Brabazon, first Lord Ponsonby. The Earls of Carlisle are a branch of the great family of Howard, Dukes of Norfolk, and diverged from the main stem at the end of the sixteenth century through the second son of Thomas, fourth Duke of Norfolk, Lord William Howard, Warden of the Western Marches, known as Belted Will Howard, whose great-grandson, Charles Howard, an eminent diplomatist, was created Earl of Carlisle on April 20, 1661. From the first Earl the title has passed from father to son, through a succession of leading and highly estimable noblemen, most of them Knights of the Garter, to the Earl just dead; and it is now for the first time that the family honours are inherited by a brother. The mortal remains of Lord Carlisle were deposited, on the 13th inst., in the mausoleum of his ancestors, in the park of Castle Howard. Pursuant to his own dying wish, there was but little pomp displayed at his funeral; but the vast and sorrowful congregation attending of people of all ranks and degrees, including the tenantry and hundreds of strangers, marked how mourned was the loss and how respected the memory of the gentle Earl.

SIR JAMES MATHEW STRONGE.

Sir James Mathew Stronge, D.C.L., second Baronet of Tynan Abbey, in the county of Armagh, Deputy Lieutenant for that county and the county of Tyrone, a gentleman of the Privy Chamber, who died at his seat, Tynan Abbey, on the 1st inst., was the only son to survive infancy of the Rev. Sir James Stronge, the first Baronet, by his wife, Helen, daughter and coheir of John Tew, Esq., and great grandniece of John, first Lord Farnham (by her second marriage, Mrs. Holmes). He was born on the 6th of April, 1786. He succeeded his father as second Baronet in 1804. He married, on the 5th of September, 1810, Isabella, eldest daughter of Nicholson Calvert, Esq., of Hunsdon House, Herts, M.P. for Hertfordshire, by his wife (who died on the 12th of April, 1862) the Hon. Frances Pery, daughter and coheir (with her sister, the Countess of Ranfurly) of Edmund Sexton, Viscount Pery. By this marriage Sir James leaves five sons and three daughters. The latter are Frances Helen, wife of Thomas Vesey Nugent, Esq., nephew of Thomas, present Viscount De Vesci; Pauline Caroline, wife of Captain William Banbury M'Clintock, R.N.; and Catherine Brownlow, wife of Lieutenant-Colonel George M'Clintock. Sir James Stronge was highly popular among his tenantry, and he will be much missed at various local boards of which he was the able chairman, and on account of the active and useful part he took in the affairs of the counties of Tyrone and Armagh. He is succeeded by his eldest son, now Sir James Mathew Stronge, the third Baronet, M.P. for the county of Armagh, and Lieutenant-Colonel of the Royal Tyrone Fusiliers. He was born in 1811, and married, in 1836, Selina-Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Andrew Nugent, Esq., and niece of Viscount De Vesci. This family is a branch of the very ancient house of Strang or Stronge, of Balcaski, in the county of Fife, which settled and acquired considerable estates in Ireland in the beginning of the last century. The baronetcy was conferred, in 1803, on the Rev. James Stronge, the then representative of the line, and father of the Baronet just deceased.

JOSEPH BURKE, ESQ.

Joseph Burke, Esq., J.P., of Elm Hall, in the county of Tipperary, whose death occurred on the 12th inst., at his town house, 17, Fitzwilliam-place, Dublin, was the son of Peter Burke, Esq., of Elm Hall, by his wife, Anne, second daughter and coheir of Matthew Dowdall, Esq, M.D., and niece of Bartholomew Barnewall, Esq., of the Barnewalls, Baronets, of Crickstown Castle, in the county of Meath. Mr. Joseph Burke succeeded his father at Elm Hall in 1836. He had been called to the Irish Bar in 1832, and was in fair practice, when, in 1839 he was appointed an Assistant Poor-Law Commissioner, shortly after the introduction of the poor law into Ireland. He filled that office very ably for fifteen years, and retired in 1855. Mr. Burke married, Jan. 31, 1856, Sarah, second daughter of Jeremiah John Murphy, Esq., Q.C., at present a Master in Chancery in Ireland. Mr. Burke was uncle of Sir Bernard Burke, Ulster King-of-Arms.

M. MOCQUARD.

M. Constant Mocquard, private friend and devoted ally of the Emperor Napoleon III., died on the 9th inst., at Paris, in his seventy-fourth year. M. Mocquard, who was a man of letters as well as a great political celebrity, was born at Bordeaux, on Nov. 11, 1791. He passed many of his earlier years at Paris, where he achieved distinction as a scholar. In 1817, being then simply a licentiate of law, he gave proof of much ability and energy in conducting the defence of several political offenders, and acted effectively in conjunction with veteran and very eminent French barristers. During the three subsequent years he continued to make advances towards forensic fame, being engaged in political causes of great note; but failing health forced him to quit the Bar in 1826, after which period, till 1830, he lived in retirement. In 1830, subsequent to the Revolution of July, he was named Sous-Préfet at Bagnères-de-Bigorre, in the department of the Pyrénées, but resigned this office in 1832. He joined the present Emperor Napoleon in London, in 1840, soon after his arrival from Switzerland, but afterwards returned to Paris to undertake the direction of the *Commerce*, one of the journals devoted to the Imperial cause. When Napoleon became President, M. Mocquard resumed his duties as secretary to him, but now officially, having also conferred on him the title of Chef du Cabinet. Previous to carrying out the famous coup-d'état of Dec. 2, 1851, the President confided his plan to his trusty secretary, who has ever since been his constant friend, associate, and councillor. M. Mocquard had note as an author and editor. He wrote articles in the "Biographie des Contemporains," which were reprinted in the *Revue de l'Empire*. He also brought out a large collection of "Nouvelles Causes Célèbres," published in 1847.

General Sir George Turner, K.C.B., Colonel-Commandant Royal Artillery, died yesterday week, at Menie House, Aberdeenshire, where he was born, in 1780.

Major-General William Nepean died at his residence, at Dover, on Thursday week. He was the third son of Sir Evan Nepean, first Baronet, and was born in 1795.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

The will of Baron Du Bois de Ferrieres, of Chepstow, Monmouthshire, was proved in the London Court by his son, Charles Conrad Adolphus Baron Du Bois de Ferrieres, the sole executor. The testator confirms the settlement on his marriage, and leaves to his wife, the Baroness Du Bois, an annuity of £150, and the furniture. To his son, the Baron, he leaves the plate, pictures, books, &c. (his relict and sister-in-law selecting what they may require), and to his sister-in-law he leaves an annuity of £50. To his son, the Baron, besides a legacy of £9000, has bequeathed a moiety of the residue of his property, bequeathing the other moiety to the five orphan children of his late daughter Augusta, widow of the late Rev. J. Bright.

The will of Colonel Onslow Baker, of the Indian Army, late of Tenterden-street, Hanover-square, was proved in London under £30,000 personalty. The executors appointed are his nephews, the Rev. Sir Henry Williams Baker, Bart., and Henry Sherston Baker, Esq. Liberal legacies are left to his brother, and to his nephews, nieces, and their children; and a legacy of £2500 to Mrs. Garland, wife of the Rev. I. Garland, in remembrance of her kind attention to the testator when he greatly required it. The residue of his property, real and personal, he leaves to his said nephew, Sir Henry W. Baker, Bart. There are the following charitable bequests:—To the Dudley Stuart Nightly Refuge for the Houseless Poor, £100; London Society for the Protection of Young Females and Prevention of Juvenile Prostitution, £100; Society for the Rescue of Young Women and Children, £100; Cripples' Home, £150; Little Such of the Poor (Sutherland-gardens), £100; All Saints' Home, £50; Consumption Hospital, Fulham, £100; Shipwrecked Mariners Society, £100; Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, £100; London Clergy Relief Society, £200; and like bequests to a few other societies.

The will of Peter Dale, Esq., of North Shields, Northumberland, shipowner, was proved in the London Court under £60,000 personalty. The executors and trustees nominated are his relict; his brother, John Broderick Dale, Esq., of South Shields, banker; and the testator's son, George Dryden Dale, on his attaining the age of twenty-three. The will is dated August, 1861, and he died on the 10th of October. He has bequeathed to his relict a life interest in the whole of his property, and upon her decease it is to be divided equally amongst their children. He has intimated in his will that it is not desirable to increase the number of ships or to extend the shipping property.

The will of the late Miss Elizabeth Mary Gee, of Hyde Park-gardens, who died on the 1st of November, has just been proved in the London Court under £80,000, the whole of which she has bequeathed to her only sister.

The Department of Agriculture and Statistics at Quebec has issued the returns of immigration into Canada for 1864, made up to the 15th of October, and gives the nationalities of the immigrants as follows:—English, 2381; Irish, 4599; Scotch, 2255; Germans and Prussians, 2276; Norwegians and Swedes, 5418; Danes, 120; Belgians, 118; and Americans, colonists, &c., 653. The whole number, 18,420, shows an increase of 417 over the corresponding period of the previous year. Nearly two thirds of the immigrants remained in Canada.

An important despatch from Colonel Finniss, Government Resident of the northern Australian territory, has been received. It announces the arrival of the expedition sent out by the Government of South Australia at Adam's Bay in June last; the establishment of a depôt; and gives a very satisfactory report of the prospects of the new settlement:—"Depôt, Escape Cliffs, Aug. 13, 1864.—Sir, I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of purchasers of land in the north territory, South Australia, that the expedition—consisting of the Beatrice, Commander Hutchinson, R.N.; the Henry Ellis, Captain Phillips; and the Yatala, Captain Humbert (Government vessel)—has arrived safely at the rendezvous, Adam's Bay, during the month of June last. I have established a dépôt at Escape Cliffs, a few miles south of Cape Hotham, and hope to proceed with the surveys in about a month. I am unable to say where the site of the town will be, but probably at this place. The Adelaide River is navigable for sixty miles for ships of any burden, with the aid of a steam-tug, and there is abundance of fine land and timber in its vicinity. From the appearance of the country inland there seems every reason to believe that wool can be produced in paying abundance, and that all descriptions of cattle will thrive. The soil is suited to tropical vegetation generally, and, if the climate permit, is rich enough and varied enough for many extra tropical productions, especially such as succeed in South Australia. The early departure of the mail forbids my giving longer accounts. The sailing directions will be obtainable at the Admiralty. Commander Hutchinson having sent charts and explanations home by this opportunity direct to the Hydrographer's Office in London. We arrived without casualty, landing fourteen horses and ten bullocks, with which we embarked in safety.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient, humble servant, B. T. FINNISS, Government Resident, N.T.—The Agent-General for South Australia."

NAVAL AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

WAR OFFICE.

3rd Dragoon Guards: F. F. T. Hobbs to be Paymaster, with the honorary rank of Captain. 4th: F. W. Gosselin to be Cornet.

14th Hussars: Cornet J. W. Robertson to be Cornet. 29th: Major C. C. Hook has retired upon a pension equivalent to the half pay of a Major.

Royal Artillery: Lieut.-Col. E. Wray, C.B., to be Lieutenant-Colonel; Cadet A. Browne to be Lieutenant; Serg.-Major C. Clarke to be Riding Master.

Royal Engineers: Lieut.-Col. H. Rivers to be Colonel; Capt. J. W. Playfair to be Lieutenant-Colonel; Second Capts. J. G. T. Griffith, G. Philips, and C. N. Martin to be Captains; Lieuts. B. H. Mathew, D. C. Walker, and R. Home to be Second Captains; Cadet J. T. Wright, A. Awdry, W. B. Hurst, and S. Waller to be Lieutenants.

3rd Foot: Lieut.-Col. W. M'Call to be Lieutenant-Colonel; Major T. G. Gardiner to be Lieutenant-Colonel; Capt. C. M. R. Sirce to be Major; Lieut. R. E. Mecoy to be Captain; Ensign G. A. Alexander to be Lieutenant; A. Peddie to be Ensign. 7th: Lieut. R. A. V. Pope to be Lieutenant. 9th: Quartermaster Serg. J. Casey to be Quartermaster. 11th: Lieut. H. H. Skill to be Adjutant. 29th: F. C. H. Littledale to be Ensign. 36th: Ensign W. V. Ellis to be Lieutenant; F. L. Harford to be Ensign. 39th: Lieut R. Hill to be Lieutenant. 46th: Staff Sarg. J. E. Young, M.D., to be Surgeon. 44th: Lieut. O. E. Hodgson to be Captain; Ensign T. T. Irvine to be Lieutenant; B. H. Foster to be Ensign. 60th: T. E. Powys-Keck to be Ensign. 62nd: Lieut. J. H. Pagan to be Instructor of Musketry. 73rd: J. C. Ross to be Ensign. 75th: Major and Brevet Lieut.-Col. C. E. F. Gordon to be Lieutenant-Colonel; Capt. and Brevet Major T. C. Dunbar to be Major; Lieut. R. Wadeson to be Captain; Ensign C. H. Heycock to be Lieutenant. 92nd: Lieut. R. A. Emmet to be Instructor of Musketry.

4th West India Regiment: Serg.-Major J. Gerard to be Ensign.

STAFF.—Major A. A. Nelson to be Deputy Adjutant-General to the Forces serving in Jamaica.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.—Surg. H. F. Robertson to be Staff Surgeon.

BREVET.—Col. C. F. North and Lieut.-Col. W. Ratcliff to have the honorary rank of Major-General; Major A. A. Nelson to be Lieutenant-Colonel; Paymaster R. Supple to have the honorary rank of Major; Paymaster T. Rowan to have the honorary rank of Captain. The following promotions to take place in consequence of the decease of General E. B. Wynyard, C.B., Colonel of the 88th Foot, on the 24th of November:—Lieut.-General C. G. J. Arbuthnot to be General; Major-General C. Gascoigne to be Lieutenant-General; Lieut.-Col. F. P. Haines to be Major-General; Capt. F. W. Hastings to be Lieutenant-Colonel; Capt. G. Thompson to be Major; Lieut.-Cols. R. M. Laffan, A. H. Proclier, H. St. George Ord, and H. C. B. Moody to be Colonels.

The Admiralty has purchased a site for a battery on the South Denes, Great Yarmouth, lying between the southern portion of the Marine Drive and the Naval Lunatic Asylum.

There will be only thirty-two vacancies to be competed for at the examination for the Royal Military College at Woolwich in January next.

Lieutenant-Colonel Charles George Gordon, of the Royal Engineers, some time employed in the service of his Imperial Majesty the Emperor of China, has been appointed a C.B.

The following ships belonging to her Majesty's Navy are on their way home, or orders have been dispatched from the Admiralty that they should return to England:—Alecto and Curlew, from the Brazils; Rinaldo and Challenger, from the West Indies and North America; Griffon, from the West Coast of Africa; Charybdis, from the Pacific; Miranda and Harrier, from Australia; and the Tartar, from China.

The following general order has been issued from the Horse Guards:—His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief has been pleased, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State for India in Council, to decide that, on the recommendation of the local governments of India, and with the sanction of his Royal Highness, exchanges may be permitted between officers of the staff corps under the substantive rank of field officer, and properly-qualified regimental officers of the same rank, without reference to the station on which the regiment of the exchanging officer may be serving.

THE VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT.

The Duke of Manchester, Earl Grosvenor, and Lord Elcho have been chosen trustees of the fund for the testimonial to be presented to Colonel M'Murdo, C.B., Inspector-General of Volunteers, on his retirement from the service; and Messrs. Ransome, Messrs. Coutts, Messrs. Childs, and Messrs. Glyn are the bankers of the fund. Captain M'Donnell, of the 19th Middlesex, is honorary secretary to the general committee.

Lieutenant-General Sir James Hope Grant, G.C.B., has been gazetted to the colonelcy of the London Scottish, vacant by the decease of Lord Clyde.——Last Saturday the members of No. 8 Company of this corps shot for an opera-glass and a telescope, presented by Colour-Sergeant Gravely. There was a tie between Sergeants Nichols and Macgregor for the second. On shooting off, Sergeant Nichols proved the winner, Sergeant Macgregor taking the third, formed of the entrance fees.

The prizes won in the recent annual prize competition by the 19th Middlesex were presented on Monday, in Westminster Hall, by Mrs. J. Stuart Oxley, the wife of the Major of the regiment. In common with most of the metropolitan corps, the prize-list exhibited a gratifying increase as compared with previous years. The corps mustered in great strength, and there was a large attendance of visitors. Colonel M'Murdo made a speech and was greatly cheered.

On Saturday evening the annual distribution of prizes to the 3rd Middlesex Artillery and 4th Middlesex (Westminster) Rifles, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Truro, took place in Westminster Hall, in the presence of a large body of spectators. The prizes were exceedingly handsome and numerous. Lord Truro presided.

An exciting contest took place last Saturday, at the rifle-ranges at Wormwood-scrubbs, among the members of the Queen's (Westminster), for a prize which was presented to the corps by Major Bushby. The winner was Sergeant J. Cothier. In the match between twenty members of the second battalion of the corps and a similar number of the Victoria Rifles, the latter were the winners, their score being 686 against 649.——The prizes won during the year will be presented on the 7th of January next, in Westminster Hall.

A match took place at East Sheen range, on Saturday last, between Nos. 2 and 3 companies of the Hon. Artillery Company, with Captain Field given, against the 9th Surrey (Richmond), ten men a side. After an exciting contest, the result was in favour of the Richmond men by a majority of twenty-two marks.

The 38th Middlesex (Artists') Rifle Volunteer Corps was inspected by Colonel M'Murdo on the 28th ult., at Burlington House. After a minute inspection, Colonel M'Murdo addressed the regiment in a highly-complimentary speech, in which he stated that he was perfectly satisfied with their appearance and drill. He added that such a corps as the Artists' was always looked upon with peculiar interest by himself and the Horse Guards, as, though numerically small, it might, from the class of men it was composed of, be looked upon as a nursery for the officers and non-commissioned officers of the increased force of volunteers which would spring up in case of war.

A number of prizes have been competed for by the members of the Ramsgate Artillery Volunteers. Captain Sicklemore presented a silver cup; Lieutenant Cramp an electro-silver tankard; while the fourth prize was an electro-silver tankard given by an honorary member. The prizes were shot for with the great gun, the battery being in command of Captain Sicklemore and Lieutenant Cramp. The target, which was of canvas, 8 ft. by 12 ft., with a bull's-eye of 6 ft. in diameter, was placed at the distance of 1250 yards. There were forty-three competitors, and the firing was regulated by time and points combined. Out of the forty-three who competed, thirty-eight obtained three points for direction, and the remaining five two points, thus being only eight yards to the right or left of the target.

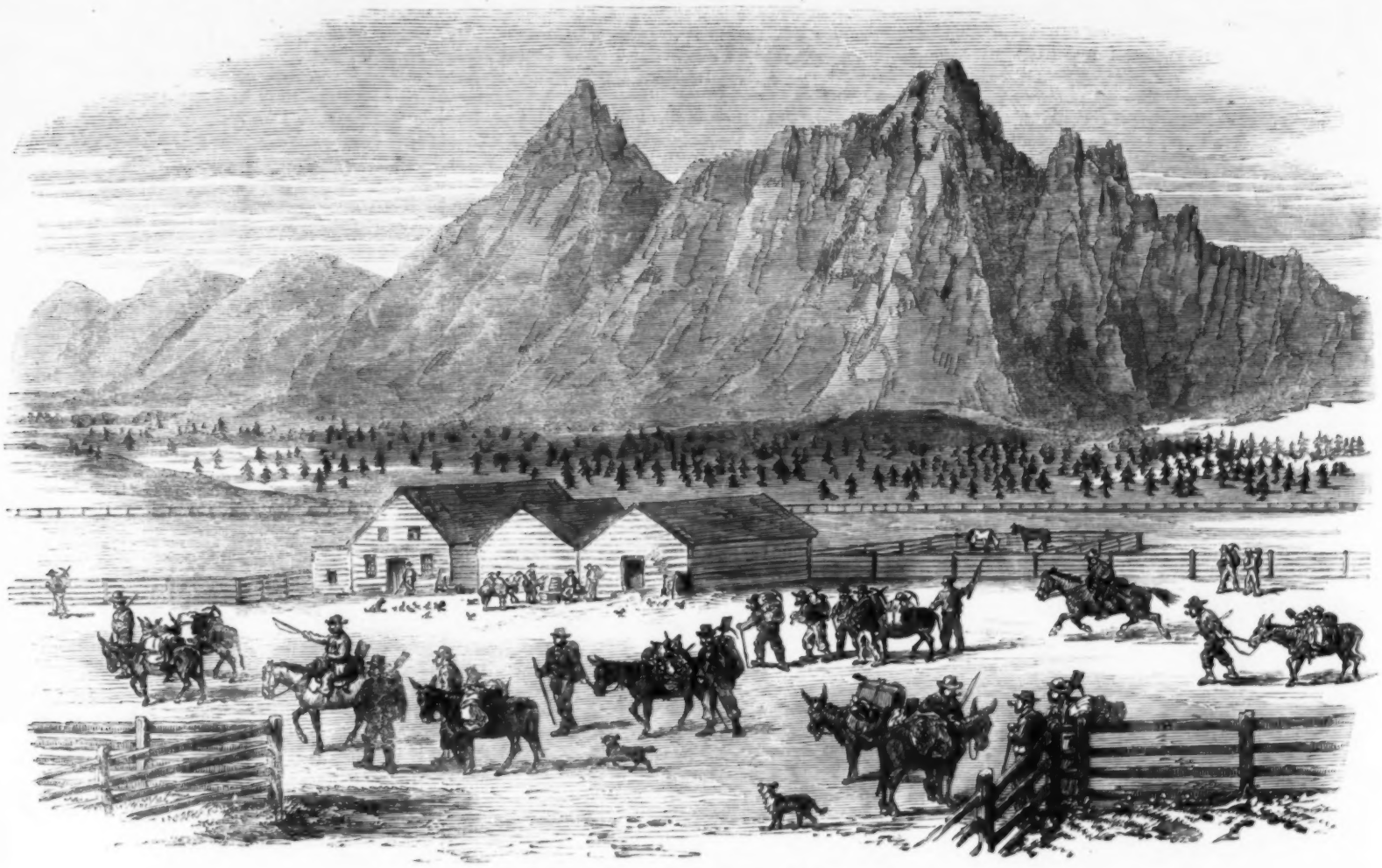
The annual meeting of the Cheshire Rifle Association was held at Chester last Saturday, under the presidency of the Marquis of Westminster, Lord Lieutenant of the county. It appeared from the report which was read that the subscription from Cheshire to the National Rifle Association was this year £83 18s. 6d., and it was stated by Mr. Laird, M.P., that Cheshire had from the first contributed more to the funds of the National Association than any other county in England. The association is prosperous. Mr. Tollemache, M.P., was appointed president; Earl Grosvenor, chairman of council; and Mr. Laird, M.P., vice-chairman, for 1865.

The chaplain of the Cambridge University Volunteers, the Ven. Archdeacon Emery, of Corpus Christi College, gives annually a silver cup of the value of fifteen guineas, open to competition amongst the whole corps. The cup was competed for last week at the butts at the back of the colleges, and some admirable shooting was the result. The winner, Corporal Richardson, of John's, scored sixty-one in five shots at each range. The venerable chaplain also gives a silver cup annually to the best shot of his college. This will be competed for at the commencement of the May Term.——The commanding officer has informed the corps that their guests who were invited last term to shoot for the Cambridge cup have presented the corps with a silver challenge cup, value £80, to be competed for at the long ranges at the end of the Lent Term.

Sir John Pakington, Bart., presided on Tuesday week in the Townhall, Birmingham, at the distribution of prizes won during the past season by the members of the 1st Warwickshire. Lord Leigh, the Lord Lieutenant of the county, acted as chairman, and opened the proceedings in a few words, after which Sir John Pakington delivered an address of considerable length upon the importance of the yeomanry and volunteers, which he thought deserved more encouragement from the Imperial Government and persons in high places. He also called to the minds of his hearers the fact that it was not every one who joined the force that could afford the expense, and that they were bound to assist all who could not afford it. The life of the volunteer force must in a great measure be that whilst one man carried the musket another should help to bear the burden of the expense, and thus be as truly a member of that noble service as if he wore the uniform. Mr. Scholefield, M.P., also made a speech, but brief and to the purpose, after which the prizes were distributed by Sir John. Other addresses followed.

Prizes to the successful competitors who took part in the competition at Ewood butts, last September, for the prizes offered to the members of the corps comprised in the 3rd Brigade Lancashire Artillery Volunteers, and consisting of the Blackburn, Birkacre, Bolton, and Church corps, were presented on Saturday week, in the drillyard of the Blackburn corps, by Lieutenant-Colonel Bowden, of Pleasington Hall.

SKETCHES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.



SCENE AT THE FOUNTAIN NEAR PARSONVILLE, FRASER RIVER.

The famous Cariboo gold-diggings in British Columbia are approached by two different roads from New Westminster, the port and capital of that province, near the mouth of the Fraser River. One way is to ascend the Fraser River as far as Fort Yale; the other way is to go up Harrison River, which enters the Fraser River from the northward, fifty miles above New Westminster. Harrison River flows out of Harrison Lake, a fine piece of fresh water, about forty miles long; and the head of Harrison Lake communicates with a smaller lake, on the shores of which is situated the little town of Douglas, whence this water also takes its name. The scenery around these two lakes is Alpine and picturesque, as may be seen in the Views we have engraved from original sketches.

The View of Harrison Lake is taken from a small bay looking down that lake, about fifteen miles from Douglas. In the centre is an island eight miles in length, known as Long Island. In the distance are a portion of the Cascade Mountains and Mount Baker, an active volcano, situated in Washington Territory, which belongs to the United States. Both the shores of the lake and the islands are covered with rocks, amidst which is some stunted pine timber.

Another Engraving gives a view of the town of Douglas. The site where this town now stands was, before the gold fever began, in 1858, a dense forest of gigantic pines. Soon after this it became known to the Government that a practicable line of road could be made from this spot, between the northernmost spur of the Cascade Mountains and the coast range, to intersect the line of the Fraser, some considerable distance inland. A large party of men was organised and sent up for that purpose. In a few hours after their arrival a town site was selected, and the woods resounded with the strokes of the axe. Since that period, clearing has steadily progressed, and the busy little town of Douglas, with its wide streets laid out at right angles and partially cleared, begins to assume an air of civilisation, though its houses are generally still of the most primitive wooden order of architecture. Douglas, however, being at the head of the up-river navigation along this route, has become the most important dépôt for the inland traffic of the colony. The advantages of this route both for passengers and transport of goods, are, that between Douglas and Lillooett, the point where it strikes the Fraser, a distance of 112 miles, a good waggon-road has been constructed, which with the aid of water-carriage along four lakes, a length of fifty-four miles in all, navigated

HARRISON LAKE, WITH THE CASCADE MOUNTAINS IN THE DISTANCE.

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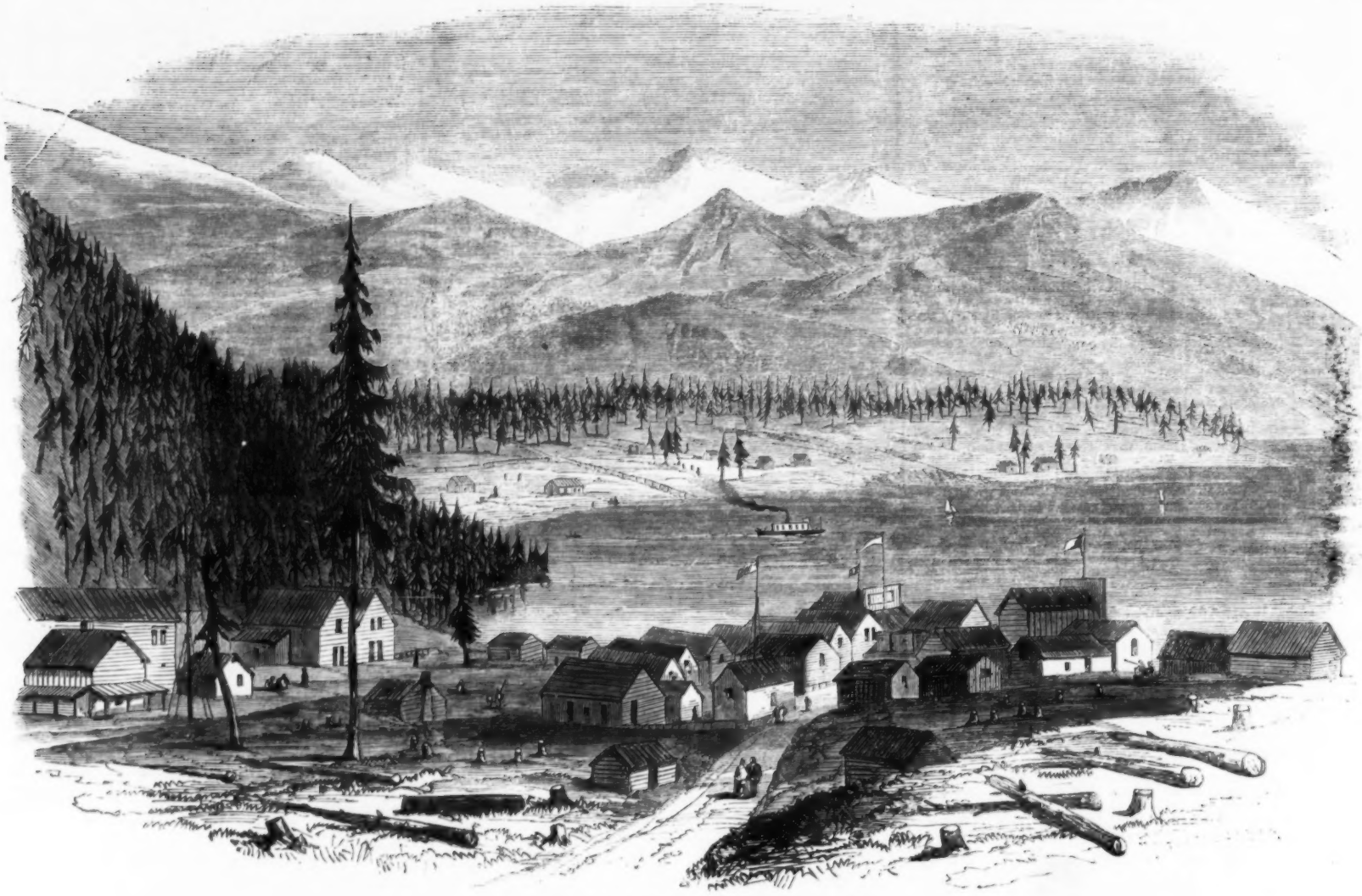


THE TOWN OF DOUGLAS, AND DOUGLAS LAKE.

by small steamers, makes the transit easy and expeditious. For the conveyance of passengers to and fro a daily line of four-horse stages has during the last twelve months been in full operation; and for goods traffic a great number of heavy waggons, drawn by oxen and mules, are kept in constant employment besides several trains of pack-mules, and one of camels. Nearly 3000 tons of goods were transported over this route last year. Owing to the want of any land near Douglas suitable for agricultural pursuits, its population is limited to few more than those who are engaged in store-keeping and forwarding goods to the upper country. It has a sawmill, several smiths' and carpenters' shops, kept fully employed, and, like all mining towns, has its due proportion of hotels, restaurants, and billiard saloons. A neat little English church is its only religious institution. Law and justice are administered by a stipendiary magistrate, whose residence is shown in the left corner of the Engraving.

The subject of another Illustration is an Indian village on the shore of Douglas Lake, inhabited by 200 or 300 people of the Quit-Squaws tribe, who, like all those to be met with on this route, are peaceable, intelligent, and industrious, often rendering great assistance to the traveller by carrying his baggage over the land portages. During certain seasons of the year many of these Indians are employed to convey freight up the Lillooett river, which for twenty-nine miles runs parallel with the Douglas waggon-road. Its navigation would be extremely dangerous, but the Indian, having from infancy been trained to steer his beautiful clipper-shaped canoe amidst snags, boulders, and eddies, very rarely meets with a mishap. Their dwellings are of the rudest construction, built of posts and rough cedar-slabs, scarcely wind

INDIAN VILLAGE, DOUGLAS LAKE.

or water tight. The interior is generally one large room, occupied by many families, each grouped round its own separate fire; and, having no chimney or outlet for smoke, except through interstices of the slab-covered roof, their condition, with the smell from dried salmon stowed away on the beams by thousands, contrasts greatly with our ideas of comfort. The people are sociable in their habits, and, having lately been converted to Christianity, very strict in their observance of the Sabbath. The clothing of the old folks consist chiefly of Hudson's Bay blankets, or the skins of wild animals found on the mountains; but the younger ones have long since adopted white people's attire, generally choosing the most showy colours.

The Fountain, eight miles from Parsonville, which is in quite another district, on the other side of the Fraser River, is well known as one of the prettiest spots on that line of road. Here is a plain about one mile in length, surrounded by romantic mountains, which give it the appearance of a vast amphitheatre. Although the soil here is light and sandy, the owner of the roadside inn manages to grow good crops of grain, vegetables, and—what is more extraordinary in those high latitudes—water-melons, a great boon to the traveller.

MUSIC.

No novelty has been produced at either of the great musical theatres since our last notice of their proceedings. At present, we presume, they are occupied, like all the other theatres in town, in preparing for their Christmas pantomimes. At Covent Garden, we understand, the next novelties will be an English version of Gounod's new opera, "Le Médecin Malgré lui," and an opera by Mr. G. A. Osborne. At Her Majesty's Theatre (except the pantomime) nothing new is announced.

The Sacred Harmonic Society gave a splendid performance of "Judas Maccabeus" on Wednesday, last week. Mr. Sims Reeves was disabled by his continued indisposition from singing—an unfortunate occurrence at all times, but especially in the case of this oratorio, in which his unrivalled vocal powers are displayed in their highest lustre. Many people thoughtlessly vent their spleen against Mr. Reeves for the frequent disappointments caused by his absence on such occasions. They do not consider that he himself is the greatest sufferer. His health is not robust, and his voice is a very delicate organ, easily affected by the influences of the weather. We know that it gives him the greatest pain to fail in fulfilling his engagements, and that it is only when compelled by absolute necessity that he does so. On the present occasion Mr. Wilbye Cooper acted as Mr. Reeve's substitute, and acquitted himself with his usual ability. The other solo parts were sung by Mdme. Lemmens-Sherrington, Miss Banks, Mdme. Sainton-Dolby, Mr. Montem Smith, and Mr. Weiss. The first Christmas performance of "The Messiah" took place last night.

The National Choral Society commenced its fifth season with a performance at Exeter Hall of Mendelssohn's "Elijah" on Wednesday last, under the direction of Mr. G. W. Martin. We shall give some account of it next week.

There was a classical chamber concert of unusual excellence on Tuesday evening, the 6th inst., at the Manor Rooms, Hackney. It was the second of a series of concerts, modelled on the plan of the celebrated "Monday Popular Concerts," and resembling them in the high order of the music selected and the excellence of its execution. The programme included Mendelssohn's sonata in D, for the piano and violoncello; Beethoven's trio in B flat, for the piano, violin, and violoncello—the grandest specimen in existence of this class of composition; and a quartet for two violins, viola, and violoncello, by Mr. E. Prout. This last piece gained the first prize of the Society of British Musicians in 1862, and is a work of extraordinary merit. It was admirably played by Messrs. Amor and Betjemann (violins), Mr. Burnet (viola), and Mr. Edward Howell (violoncello), and received great applause; the scherzo being loudly and unanimously encored. Mr. Arthur Howell, the son of our great contra-bassist—who not only promises to emulate his father on his own instrument but has great vocal talent—sang Wallace's fine song, "The Bellringer," in a manner which created a marked sensation. Mr. Betjemann played Sainton's fantasia on the "Figlia del Reggimento" with great effect, and Miss Annette Hirst was deservedly applauded in the great scena from "Der Freischutz" and in Mozart's beautiful "Forget me not." This excellent and successful concert is another proof of the progress of musical taste and refinement in this country.

The rehearsals of Meyerbeer's posthumous work "L'Africaine" are going on daily at the Grand Opera, and the public is looking for its production with great interest. The rehearsals are superintended by M. Fétis, the celebrated musical historian and critic.

Wagner's opera "Rienzi" has been produced at Cologne in a style of almost unequalled splendour. The public were divided in their opinion of the music, but all were agreed as to the *mise en scène* and the excellence of the performance.

THE THEATRES.

The theatres may now be said to have closed for the season, so far as new pieces is concerned. Drury Lane will conclude its labours on Monday and Tuesday, when "Cymbeline" will be performed. On the following Monday the annual pantomime will be produced. Of course Mr. E. L. Blanchard is the author, and Mr. William Beverley the artist. It will be entitled "Hop o' My Thumb and His Eleven Brothers; or, Harlequin and the Seven-League Boots." Morning performances of it will be given during the week. Mr. Creswick took his benefit on Thursday in "Othello," on which occasion Mr. Phelps performed Iago.

Mdlle. Beatrice, on Tuesday, returned to the character of Mdlle. De Belle Isle, and has sustained it during the week. The musical entertainment of "No Song, No Supper" has been revived at the Haymarket. The Christmas entertainment will consist of a fairy burlesque by Mr. H. J. Byron, who has resorted to the Countess d'Aulnoy for his fable—one not yet employed for stage purposes.

At the Princess' we are promised a new pantomime extravaganza, with some splendid scenery by Mr. F. Lloyds. At the Lyceum "Robert Macaire" will be revived. Mr. Fechter will also appear in a new one-act drama which has been expressly written for him. The Olympic will adopt a classical burlesque, called "Cupid and Psyche," by Mr. Burnand.

The pantomime at Sadler's Wells will be based on a local theme, and entitled "Sir Hugh Myddelton; or, the Fairy of the Crystal Stream." The tale of the Bailiff's Daughter of Islington will be blended with that of the great projector of the New River.

The Strand will be supplied by Mr. H. J. Byron with a burlesque entitled "The Grin Bushes." The same author also has been engaged for the New Adelphi. The subject of the piece will be classical.

Mr. Brough will provide for the St. James's, which reopens under Miss Herbert's management. The story of the burlesque will be mythological, and connected with "The Labours of Hercules."

The Surrey is provided with an historical pantomime relative to "Richard Cœur de Lion." Astley's is supplied by Mr. Greenwood with a pantomime on "Jack Sprat." The Victoria affects the marvellous, under the auspices of "Baron Munchausen."

The East-End is likewise active in preparation. The Standard pantomime is entitled "Dame Durden and her Five Servant-maids; or, Harlequin Robert and Richard were Two Pretty Men." The City of London will, of course, be supplied by the veteran Nelson Lee with his last best pantomime. The Grecian will be provided, as usual, by Mr. George Conquest, with one of his unique and seasonable productions.

The Marylebone has announced a pantomime, under the title of "The Bronze Horse."

The success of all these theatres during the past season has been far above the average.

We may add to this list that a pantomime will be performed at the Royal English Opera, the old subject of "Cinderella; or, Harlequin and the Magic Pumpkin, and the Great Fairy of the Little Glass Slipper" furnishing the theme and title; while at Her Majesty's a fairy entertainment will be given, called "The Lion and the Unicorn Fighting for the Crown," on which the pen of Mr. Byron has been employed.

CHESS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T. ELLIS, HARROW, OXFORD, I. B., AND OTHERS.—The conditions of Problem No. 1083 should be "White to play, and give mate in *four* moves." Hence your and others' failure.

T. G., Harrow.—Mr. Blackburne, an English player, and Mr. Paulsen, a German one, have each played twelve games simultaneously, without seeing a chessboard.

FAUST.—In the position submitted, white ought to win easily.

MATEO DE ZAMORA.—1. The problems shall receive every attention. 2. Yes; Mr. Bone's problem is easy, but it is very instructive also.

DEREVON, WEE PAWN.—It cannot be accomplished under four moves. "*Three*" was plainly a misprint. Your solutions are correct.

A. F. B. HOPKINS.—The keymove of Enigma 1410 is 1. *Q to Q 2nd*. That of Enigma 1422 is 1. *Kt to K B 6th*.

BOB WINGS.—1. See the preceding notice. 2. The first move in the Solution of Enigma 1409 is *R to Kt 3rd*. That of 1414 we advise you to try and discover for yourself.

I. B. K., Belfast.—See notice above to "T. Ellis," &c.

F. WOODWARD.—Many thanks. A more audacious case of plagiarism was never heard of; and but that the problems of "Bhay Sadu Singh" came to us through a respectable English source we should have supposed the whole thing a silly hoax.

ARTHUR BEE.—We believe it can be solved as you suggest.

ETONENSIS.—You are mistaken. Look at the positions again attentively.

INEZ, W. D. AND OTHERS.—The collected edition of the late "I. B.'s" problems is nearly ready, and will be published early in the forthcoming year.

A. B. C.—We know of no such club near London Bridge.

CRITIC, M. P., Grantham, D. D.—You are quite right.

LYON.—Please explain what is the meaning of such a position. Instead of White giving mate in three moves, he cannot possibly save the game!

G. S.—It will afford us much pleasure to play them over, though we suspect they are not strangers.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 1084, by Nimrod, S. P., Cato, L. S. D., Barney, 1864, Iota, Q. E. D., Larry, M. P., Delta, I. Rugby, I. W. Porter, Bath Archer, Nereus, Derevon, Ad. Dn., Enoch Arden, R. B., Dr. Fould, I. Li Calsi, T. V., Wee Pawn, Griffin, Richard, Sam, Try Again, Rook, J. W. D.; M. N., of Peckham; R. S., of Malines; T. Ellis, Harrow; H. Frau, of Lyons; F. G. Moon, A. F., W. L., Minnie, W. G., Alpha, Percy, Conrad, Triaculo, G. M. G., Omega, H. C., F. C. S., Dryasdust, Peter, Annie Laurie, Taffy, H. C. M., Box and Cox, W. B. G., S. M. E., Pip, Charley, C. B., Juba, W. M. E.; L., of Enfield; Gavino, Crokorniensis, are correct. All others are wrong.

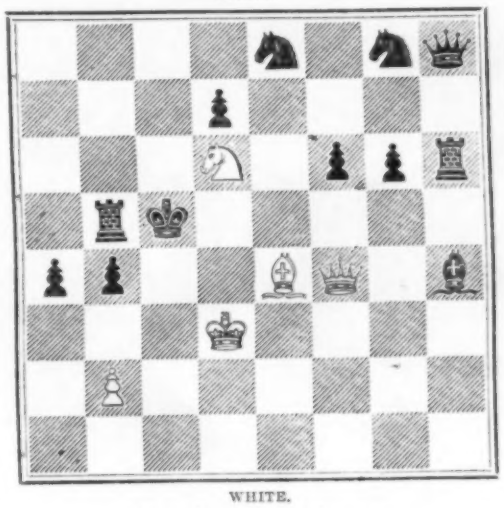
SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 1083.

WHITE.	BLACK.	WHITE.	BLACK.
1. R takes Kt	K to B 5th (best)	3. Q to Q 2nd (ch)	K takes Kt or K to K 5th
2. Kt to K B 3rd	P to Q B 7th, or (*a*)	4. B to B 6th. Mate.	
(*a*) 2.	R takes R or any other move	3. Q to Q 4th (ch)	K takes Kt
		4. B to Q sq. Mate.	

PROBLEM NO. 1086.

By Mr. C. BAYER (*Palamede*).

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play, and mate in three moves.

CHESS IN GERMANY.

The following brilliant Game, which we owe to the courtesy of Mr. Arnous de Riviere, was played lately in Vienna between that accomplished Amateur and Mr. STRAUSS, one of the strongest players of the Vienna Chess Cercle.—(*Evans's Gambit.*)

WHITE (M. De R.)	BLACK (Mr. S.)
1. P to K 4th	P to K 4th
2. Kt to K B 3rd	Kt to Q B 3rd
3. B to Q B 4th	B to Q B 4th
4. P to Q Kt 4th	B takes Kt P
5. P to Q B 3rd	B to Q B 4th
6. Castles	P to Q 3rd
7. P to Q 4th	P takes P
8. P takes P	B to Q Kt 3rd
9. Kt to Q B 3rd	B to K Kt 5th
10. B to Q Kt 5th	B to Q 2nd

(This is now thought by some authorities to be the best move the second player can adopt.)

11. Kt to Q 5th	

(An embarrassing move for Black, and one which is productive of many interesting variations.)

11.	K Kt to K 2nd

(Q Kt to K 2nd is, perhaps, a better move.)

12. B to K Kt 5th	P to K B 3rd
13. Kt tks K B P (ch)	

(This and the subsequent moves are very cleverly played by M. de Riviere.)

13.	P takes Kt
14. B takes P	R to K B sq
15. P to K 5th	Kt to Q R 4th
16. Kt to K Kt 5th	B takes B
17. Q to K R 5th (ch)	K to Q 2nd
18. Q to K R 3rd (ch)	K to K sq
19. K R to K sq	B to Q B 5th
20. B takes Kt	Q to Q 2nd

(If he had taken the Bishop with his Queen he would have lost her; had he taken the Bishop with his King then followed, 21. P takes P (ch), and Black's game would have been irretrievable.)

21. Q takes R P	B takes Q P
22. P takes Q P	R takes K B P

(The position is very critical and instructive at this juncture.)

23. B to K B 6th (dis. ch)	

(He might also have retired the King to K R sq.)

23.	R to K 7th (dis ch)
24. B takes B	Q takes Q
25. Kt takes Q	K to Q 2nd
26. B to Q B 3rd	

(A very good move.)

26.	Kt to Q B 3rd
27. Kt to K B 6th (ch)	K takes P
28. Q R to Q sq (ch)	K to Q B 4th
29. Kt to Q 7th (ch)	K to Q Kt 4th
30. R to Q Kt sq (ch)	K to Q R 5th
31. R takes R	B takes R
32. R takes P	R to Q B sq
33. R to Q Kt 3rd	

and Black resigns.

CHESS IN NEW YORK.

A smart Skirmish between Captain MACKENZIE and a Member of the New York Club.—(*Irregular Opening.*)

BLACK (Mr. Z.)	WHITE (Capt. M.)
1. P to Q R 3rd	P to K B 4th
2. P to Q B 4th	Kt to K B 3rd
3. Kt to Q B 3rd	P to K 3rd
4. P to K 3rd	B to K 2nd
5. P to Q 4th	Castles
6. Kt to K B 3rd	P to Q 4th
7. Kt to K 5th	Kt to Q B 3rd
8. P to K B 4th	Kt takes Kt
9. Q P takes Kt	Kt to K 5th
10. Kt takes Kt	K B P takes Kt
11. B to K 2nd	P to K Kt 4th

(This gives a little more life to the game than was promised in the opening.)

12. Castles	P takes K B P
13. K P takes P	P to Q 5th

(White's centre Pawns look very mischievous, and, without some remarkably good play or good fortune on Black's side, they will surely prove too much for him.)

BLACK (Mr. Z.)	WHITE (Capt. M.)
14. P to Q Kt 4th	P to Q B 4th
15. B to Q Kt 2nd	P to Q Kt 3rd
16. B to K R 5th	K to R sq
17. Q to K 2nd	B to Q Kt 2nd
18. Q R to Q sq	Q to Q 2nd
19. Q to K Kt 4th	R to K Kt sq
20. Q to K R 3rd	R to K Kt 2nd
21. B to K Kt 4th	

(Hazardous in the extreme. He ought rather to have played P to K Kt 3rd, or P to K Kt 4th.)

21.	Q R to K Kt sq
22. B takes K P	Q takes B

(This Black had not bargained for.)

23. Q takes Q	R takes P (ch)
24. K to R sq	P to K 6th
25. Q to Q 5th	B takes Q
26. P takes B	P to K 7th

and wins.

CHESS ENIGMAS.

No. 1427.—By an Amateur of Lille.

White: K at K Kt 6th, Q at K 4th, Rs at K R 8th and Q R sq.
Black: K at Q R sq, Rs at Q Kt sq and Q R 2nd, P at Q Kt 2nd.
White to play, and mate in two moves.

No. 1428.—By Mr. M'COMBE.

White: K at K B 6th, Bs at Q sq and Q Kt 4th, Kt at Q B 5th, P at Q 4th.
Black: K at K R 3rd, R at K R sq, Kt at K Kt 7th; Ps at K R 2nd and 4th, K B 2nd, K 6th, and Q 4th.
White to play, and mate in five moves.

No. 1429.—By an Amateur of Lille.

White: K at Q B 8th, Kt at Q B 5th; Ps at K R 5th, K Kt 6th, K B 4th, K 6th, and Q B 3rd.
Black: K at K B 3rd, Kt at K Kt sq; Ps at K R 3rd, K Kt 2nd, K B 4th, K 2nd, and Q B 2nd and 5th.
White to play, and mate in four moves.

SCIENTIFIC NEWS.

TASMANITE, a new mineral of organic origin, is described by Professor Church in the December number of the *Philosophical Magazine*. In the Tasmanian Court of the International Exhibition of 1862, a very remarkable kind of fuel was shown by the "Dysodile Company," catalogued as "resiniferous shale." In the Jermyn-street Museum of the School of Mines a specimen of the same mineral is termed "combustible shale, River Mersey, north side of Tasmania. The true dysodile, from Glimbach, near Giessen, analysed by Delesse, does not seem to be identical, either in chemical or physical constitution, with the Tasmanian mineral. The so-called "resiniferous shale" is distinctly laminated; the organic matter, which occurs in scales, being disposed in planes parallel to the lamination, and probably causing it. These scales are of a reddish-brown colour, and form from 30 to 40 per cent of the rock. The average diameter of the discs is about ·03 of an inch, while their thickness at the centre is sometimes as much as ·007. As none of the ordinary solvents of resinoids and similar bodies seemed capable of dissolving out the carbonaceous constituent of the mineral, the following plan of effecting the separation was adopted:—A large quantity of the mineral was crushed to a coarse powder, placed in a Phillips's precipitating glass, and strong hydrochloric acid poured upon it. A trace of carbonic anhydride was thus set free from the small quantity of carbonate of calcium present, while the alumina and ferric oxide of the mineral were partly dissolved. These chemical actions served to break up the mineral, and the organic "scales" became for the most part disengaged, and floated, owing to the high gravity of the hydrochloric solution, which had been further increased by the addition of chloride of calcium. The scales were collected from the surface by a strainer, and washed repeatedly by decantation. By this method of purification the inorganic matter in them was reduced to a minimum. The substance thus prepared presented such remarkably distinct chemical and physical characters, as led to its receiving quite a distinct name. When tasmanite is heated in the air it burns readily, with a very smoky flame and offensive odour. Submitted to destructive distillation, it fuses partially, and yields oily and solid products having a disagreeable smell, recalling that of some specimens of Canadian petroleum. One is tempted to suggest that the natural rock oils may in some instances originate in the action of heat upon substances similar to tasmanite shale. Qualitative analysis of tasmanite showed it to contain, not only a large quantity of carbon and hydrogen, but also a very considerable proportion of sulphur; and it was found that the most careful mechanical treatment of the specimens failed to separate from them completely the mineral impurities. That the sulphur detected was an integral part of the carbonaceous matter itself, and was not owing to the presence of an inorganic sulphide or sulphate, was proved in several ways, and was further confirmed by the observation that the more completely the mineral matter had been removed, the more sulphur was found in the specimen of tasmanite operated upon.

THE COCO DE MER—the cocoanut of the Seychelles Islands—is described by Mr. George Clark, a resident in the islands, in the *Annals of Natural History*. We give a few notes from his paper:—The name "coco de mer," or sea cocoanut, was given in consequence of the first known specimens of it having been found floating in the sea, into which they had been carried by the streams; and, some of these having been met with in the neighbourhood of the Maldive Islands, their name was added to that of coco de mer. When the Seychelles archipelago was discovered, three of the islands composing it—Praslin, Curieuse, and L'ile Ronde—were covered with magnificent forests of this unique palm, and their soil strewed with its huge and singularly-shaped nuts. The value of their shells as domestic utensils for various purposes was at once perceived; and from that time to the present they have supplied to the inhabitants the place of buckets, bowls, jars, dishes, measures for grain and liquids, drinking-vessels, paint-pots, &c.; and they were extensively used among the labouring population of the Mauritius until the diminution of the plant and the great demand for the fruit which has arisen within the last few years in India and Persia greatly enhanced their value. The palm which produces this singular nut is the only member of its genus. Its systematic name is Lodoicea seychellarum. It may be termed an equatorial plant, the islands on which it is found lying between 4 deg. 15 min. and 4 deg. 21 min. S. lat. and 55 deg. 39 min. and 55 deg. 49 min. E. long. Its stem attains a height of 80 ft. or 90 ft., and is quite straight, cylindrical, and smooth, but slightly marked throughout its length by the scars left by its fallen leaves. The diameter of the stem varies, from the same causes, from 12 to 15 inches. A stalk so long and slender, crowned by leaves of vast size and strength, is necessarily much influenced by the wind, and in strong breezes the plants bend considerably, while their elasticity causes them to wave in the most graceful manner. The stem of this, like other palms, consists of a mass of hard fibres inclosing a medullary substance; but the fibrous portion of the stalk of the coco de mer is harder than that of any other known palm. The leaves of the lodoicea are winged and palmated, and bear a great resemblance to those of the fan-palm. They are largest at the time when the stem is just appearing above the ground, and in favourable situations they may be found as much as 15 ft. long (exclusive of the petiole, which is of an equal length) by 12 ft. wide. As the trunk increases in height the length of the petiole and the size of the leaf diminish. The petiole is so strong and so firmly attached to the stem that a man may safely sit on its extremities, and even swing upon it. The coco de mer grows in every kind of soil, but attains its greatest size and beauty in the deep, moist gorges of the mountains, where a rich bed of humus favours the growth of that as well as of other palms, some of which greatly surpass it in height. By the seaside and in situations much exposed to the wind the coco de mer presents a somewhat barren aspect; its leaves, being renewed so slowly, are withered and rent, and the trees might be supposed to be dying.

SHOOTING-STARS.—M. Chapelas Coulvier-Gravier has reported to the Academy of Sciences at Paris the results of his researches in regard to "the position of the centres of emanation" of shooting-stars, especially those of the month of August. Some observers place the centre in the constellation Cepheus, others near ϵ in Cassiopeia, and others near β in the Camelopard. M. Coulvier-Gravier finds—1. That there does not exist any particular radiating point for the maximum of August; this centre of emanation occupying the same position as that affirmed for the centre of emanation of the general phenomenon. 2. For our latitude this point of radiation is near 7 deg. 19 min. of azimuth and 10 deg. 11 min. of zenithal distance, a position which depends uniquely on that which is occupied by the general resultant of the shooting-stars, considered in respect to their directions. Now, this resultant being found towards the south, the centre of direction must be on the other side of the zenith, in the northern part of the heavens. 3. The mean zenithal distance of the centres of emanation of the sixteen groups of shooting-stars is about 49 deg., an important element which will permit hereafter—when, by simultaneous observations well conducted, we shall have attained to the approximative determination of the mean height of shooting-stars, and the indication of the distance at which two observers should be placed so that both should succeed in accurately studying one particular phenomenon—a result by means of which alone it will be possible to appreciate in an exact manner the number of meteors which can be observed on a given surface. The description of the method by which the foregoing results were obtained will be found in No. 20 of vol. lix. of the *Comptes Rendus* of the Academy. At the following meeting of the Academy M. Coulvier-Gravier laid before it a curve, representing the progress of the shooting-stars of Nov. 12 and 13, from 1831 to the present time. The lowest number at midnight with a clear sky was 6, in 1831 and 139 in 1852, the epoch of the maximum: in 1834, 50; in 1861, 16. No observation could be made in 1862. In 1863 the number was 37; in 1864 716. The maximum may be expected again in 1866 or 1867.

THE ACTION OF OIL WELLS has been examined by Professor E. W. Evans, of Marietta College, Ohio, U.S., and the results are given in Dr. Silliman's *American Journal of Science*. We can only select a few points. The principal supplies of petroleum are not diffused between the planes of stratification, but are collected in cavities more or less sunken in the strata; whence the oil is less liable to be carried away by running water. It is common to find large quantities in places where there are marks of disturbance and displacement of the rocks. The cavities have been probably caused sometimes by uplifts and sometimes by erosion and the dissolving action of water; but, whatever may be their origin, they are not usually of very great horizontal extent. On Oil Creek, in Pennsylvania, the greatest quantities of oil are found in the horizontal stratum of sandstone. It would seem that this rock is very porous, and perforated, like a honeycomb, with numerous cells and fissures containing petroleum. The history of many of the wells is as follows:—When oil is entered the gas begins to raise it up over the top of the boring, increasing gradually in force until it projects it into the air often to a height of 40 ft. or 50 ft.; then alternately diminishing and increasing in force at regular intervals, but without any cessation in the flow for a long time. These variations in the force of the gas (the breathings of the earth as they are called) are to be explained on the same principle as before, by supposing that as the tension of the gas is relaxed by the removal of oil, the gas and oil from other cavities around rush in through the pores and slight fissures till a certain maximum tension is reached and the influx ceases; then by the expansion of gas already in the chamber the oil continues to come up, but with a diminishing flow, until a relative vacuum is again created; after which the influx is renewed and gradually increases as at the beginning. These regular alternations vary in different wells from two or three times a day to as many times an hour, the intervals, however, gradually increasing in length as the supply of oil is diminished—unless, as sometimes happens, new communications are forced, and the well, deriving new supplies, starts off again with a new period. It often happens that the same well has two periods—one of variation in the flow, and another of cessation, consequent on the escape of gas. A more uniform flow may be secured by making the orifice at the mouth of the tube smaller. This is often desirable in order to prevent the escape of gas by the exhaustion of the oil in the cavity down to the bottom of the boring. Sometimes such a quantity will thus rush out, before the oil raised up by the water closes the passage again, as not only to render the pump necessary after that to raise oil, but also to diminish materially the influx of oil from other cavities by reducing the pressure of the gas in them. Oil wells commonly vary in depth from 100 ft. to 800 ft. The deepest are as apt to raise oil to the surface as the shallowest. This indicates a greater compression of the gas at the greater depth—owing, doubtless, to its connection with higher columns of water. The activity of some wells is increased by rains; others, with less gas, are rendered unproductive till the water can be reduced.

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